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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

AUSTRIA'S SORRY PLIGHT.

CHANCELLOR'S DARK PICTURE.

Paris, December 11.
The Austrian Chancellor, Count Renner, has arrived. Interviewed by Reuters he said that the object of his visit was to present to the Supreme Council Austria's desperate condition. He depicted the conditions as being dark, and emphasised the absolute necessity of a month's supply of grain by the beginning of January. Only six days' stock of flour was at present available. Vienna was in even worse straits, being wholly dependent on imported foodstuffs. He emphasised the impossibility of buying grain from abroad, owing to the unprecedentedly low value of Austrian money. Count Renner believed that it was essential for Austria to be granted long term credits until next October, in order to secure £25,000,000 worth of food, and also further credits for raw materials and the modification of the Saint German Treaty in order that mortgaged property could otherwise be hypothecated.

RUSSIAN POLICY AND AMERICA.

A PERTINENT FRENCH QUERY.

Paris, December 14.
The Times, discussing the Anglo-French Conference at Downing Street asks—What positive policy European Allies can have in Russia if the Americans are left out? The fate of Russia influences directly that of China, in which America has great legitimate interests.

BOLSHEVISM CONDEMNED.

ATTITUDE OF AMERICAN UNIONS.

Washington, December 14.
119 National and International Unions have passed a resolution denouncing the attempt to inject a spirit of Bolshevism into the affairs of the American Labour Federation, describing the principles of Bolshevism as destructive of American ideals. It also urged a continuance of the government control of railways and urged the Senate to ratify the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations Covenant.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

POLICE DISSATISFACTION IN SHANGHAI.

FOREIGN CONSTABLE CHARGED.

Shanghai, December 17.
Constable Cartwright was charged at the British Police Court for non-appearance on duty, intoxication, insubordination and disobedience. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of intoxication. Defendant testified that the recruits believed that the Council were not giving them a square deal. He asserted that complaints by recruits were general. The case is not concluded.

SHANGHAI ORPHANAGE FIRE.

COLLECTION OF CURIOS SAVED.

Shanghai, December 17.
The damage suffered in the Siccawei Orphanage fire did not reach a million dollars, because the collection of curios thought to have been destroyed was found undamaged in the ruins. A loss totalling \$750,000 is the conservative estimate given by the Jesuits. The fire was caused by a watchman placing a lamp under his bed and this set fire to the mosquito net. The Jesuits will rebuild.

SHANGHAI ACCEPTS AMERICAN GUNS.

Shanghai, December 17.
The Municipal Council has accepted two Gatling guns from the American Department. American volunteers will man these guns.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA FLIGHT.

Singapore, December 17.
Captain Howell, a competitor in the England to Australia flight, who was due in Singapore on the 24th inst., is reported to have been killed. His aeroplane was wrecked off St. George's Bay, says a message received from Port Said, and there is no hope of survivors.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

ANOTHER STUDENT STRIKE.

Peking, December 17.
All the teachers in the Government Colleges and Schools, owing to the Government refusing their request that their pay should include more silver coins, have gone on strike. They have called on the Premier, but were refused an interview.

THE FOCHOW AFFAIR.

Peking, December 17.
A big meeting was held in the Fochow Club on the 15th, when the following resolutions were passed:—That the Tuchun be allowed to remain and that a request be made to the Government to select a suitable man for the Civil Governor's post in that province. Shanghai, December 17.
After investigation by the Japanese Commissioner it has been arranged that the Fochow incident will be settled locally.

EX-PRESIDENT ILL.

Shanghai, December 17.
Yung Kuo-chong, the ex-President, is seriously ill.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

A LIGHT CALENDAR.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court this morning, the December Criminal Sessions were opened. There was a very light calendar, there being only three cases on the list. The only serious case is one in which two men stand charged with murder, and this will be taken by the Chief Justice on Monday. This morning's cases were as follows:—
RETURNING FROM BANISHMENT.
Ip Yau was charged with the disobedience of an order of deportation. The order was made in May of this year and on November 22 the man was again arrested in Hongkong on a charge of theft, for which he was subsequently sentenced to four weeks' hard labour.

The prisoner pleaded guilty, but stated that he could not get food in the country and that he had to come back. He was really a native of Swatow, but he was not sent there.

His Lordship stated that apparently the man had been sent to a different part of China to that where he really belonged. It might be quite true that he could not get a living in the district of Canton. He pleaded that he was on his way back to his native place and that in passing through Hongkong he had to steal.

Mr. G. H. Wakeman (the Crown Solicitor) said that it was the invariable practice of the Police to send deported men, to where they stated they wanted to go. That was no doubt done in this case. From the man's record it appeared that he had been sent away no fewer than eight times and had always returned. In six out of the eight times he had been sent to Canton, evidently at his own request.

Asked why he did not request to be sent to Swatow, the prisoner maintained that he did ask to be sent there, but he had always been sent to Canton which was a strange place to him.

Having been informed of the prisoner's sentence for larceny, His Lordship said that he would have to sentence him to five years' imprisonment. If he wished he could represent his case to the Governor and he might be sent away again before the expiration of that term. His Lordship also asked Mr. Wakeman to make a note of the fact that the man wished to go to Swatow on being given his freedom.

AN OLD MAN'S OFFENCE.
Lau Fat, aged 53, the owner of a quarry at Lyemun, was charged with offering a bribe on October 23, consisting of two bottles of whisky, a box of cigars and \$40 in money, to Inspector Earner.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, (instructed by Mr. Potter, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master), represented the prisoner and pleaded guilty.

The facts, as stated by Mr. Wakeman, showed that Inspector Earner visited the quarry during October, in his capacity of Inspector of Dangerous Goods. Quarry workers were licensed to have a certain quantity of dynamite, but from what Inspector Earner saw—there was hardly any work being done there—he informed the prisoner that he would have to report unfavourably as regards a renewal of the licence. On October 23, the prisoner went to Inspector Earner's quarters and there gave the Inspector's children \$40, in addition to leaving the bottles of whisky and the box of cigars. When the Inspector returned home and discovered what had happened he reported the matter to the C.D.I., and the prisoner was subsequently arrested. The charge was a serious one.

In a very able speech asking for a light sentence, Mr. Jenkin pointed out the fact that the prisoner was 53 years of age, was married and was the father of an enviable number of children. For over 30 years he had been a licensee of Government quarries. He (Mr. Jenkin) went on the contrast this case with a worse possible case in which the maximum penalty (two years' imprisonment or a fine of \$500) was justified, respectfully submitting that the facts only warranted the imposition of a fine. He gave the prisoner's statement of what actually occurred, and in pointing out that punishment for a crime was primarily intended to be a deterrent, said that what the man had already suffered would undoubtedly prove to be a lasting deterrent to him. He pleaded for the infliction of a fine.

His Lordship said that he would have to take a serious view of the case. Such offences were only brought to light by an unsuccessful attempt at bribery, for when bribes were accepted no-one knew anything about them. The civil safety of the Colony depended upon the integrity of the Police. The bribe offered was a substantial one and Inspector Earner held a responsible position. The only matter he could take into consideration at all was the prisoner's age. The object of punishment was not only to deter the person concerned from committing future crimes but also to deter all others from following his example. He could not do less than sentence him to six months, and he thought the prisoner was very lucky to get off with that.

DEFENCE CORPS.

THE FINAL PARADE.

The final full parade of the Hongkong Defence Corps, held on the Cricket Ground last evening, was an undoubted success in all but one particular. And that, so far as the parade itself was concerned, was not of immediate effect. A very large crowd of spectators had assembled by the time the Corps had fallen in, including many of the Colony's principal residents and a large number of returned war service men.

Having assembled on the road outside, the Corps, which was under the Command of Major G. H. Wakeman, marched on the Cricket Ground, and massed in Battalion formation. H. E. the General Officer Commanding, who was attended by Major Leslie Smith, Major Kirkpatrick and Capt. Wilcox awaited his His Excellency the Governor, who later arrived in his full dress as Commander-in-Chief, accompanied by Capt. H. S. McGrath, A. D. C.

As His Excellency approached the Corps, the general salute was given, and the band of the Wiltshire Regiment struck up the National Anthem.

Together with Major Wakeman, Capt. Stewart, adjutant, and those mentioned above, His Excellency then inspected the Corps, following which the Battalion was turned facing left, and in this position they were addressed by His Excellency. It was not possible for reporters present to report the speech delivered, but they later learned that His Excellency thanked all the members of the Corps for their services, both on behalf of the Colony and of the Empire. He said that it was only because of the Empire's danger that they were placed upon a compulsory basis for so long a period. It was, however, necessary that, in the interest of this Colony, there should be a volunteer corps, and he hoped that they would all join the new corps to be formed. Whether it should be termed a Defence Corps or a Volunteer Corps rested with them. If they would let their Commandant know, he would abide by their wishes. The services which they had rendered so willingly and so capably for the past five years were appreciated, he said, by the Empire as well as by the Colony.

Taking up his position at the saluting base, at which there was displayed the Volunteer Corps flag, His Excellency took the salute as the various Companies of the Corps marched by in column of fours. Music was supplied by the Wiltshire's band. The Corps marched out of the Cricket Ground, and on the road outside were given the dismissals. There were about 490 on parade including the Cadets who numbered about 60.

There is considerable disappointment expressed at the fact that a full report of His Excellency's speech was not possible.

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ANOTHER ROBBERY.

DES VOEUX ROAD INCIDENT.

Des Voeux Road West was again the scene of another daring robbery last night. Six men, two armed with revolvers and the others with knives, at 7.30 p.m. entered the second floor of No. 238, which was occupied by a shark-finseller's shop. The master and eight foks were quickly rendered powerless by being bound up with ropes. The safe was then opened by means of a key which they forced from the master, and money to the amount of \$618 was stolen. A quantity of clothing was also stolen before the robbers made their exit.

NEW ARRIVALS.

FOR HONGKONG NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT.

Reliefs for the Naval Establishment are now arriving in Hongkong. By the Teresusa, a Blue Funnel boat, there came here on Tuesday Messrs. H. G. Lowe, J. B. Penman and A. E. Ashton.

Mr. H. G. Lowe will act as Naval Stores Officer and Mr. J. B. Penman, Deputy Naval Stores Officer, while Mr. Ashton becomes Civil Secretary and Cashier in place of Mr. Neighbour, who is going home on the Kasagar.

Mr. Penman relieves Mr. Platt, who also leaves on the Kasagar. He has served in Hongkong previously.

Mr. Evans, the Armament Supply Officer, leaves on the Empress boat next week.

Engineer Commander Reed, on being relieved by Engineer Commander S. P. Ferguson, also leaves by the Kasagar.

All the men who are being relieved have been in Hongkong for over five years. Mr. Platt has been here for 9 years, Mr. Evans for six years, Mr. Neighbour for five years and Engineer Commander Reed for five years.

A few inspectors and clerks arrived this morning by the s.s. Nils, whilst a further batch is expected soon.

THE SHIPPING STRIKE.

MORE BOATS IDLE.

There is not a great deal further to record in regard to the local shipping strike. As time goes on and the boats affected that were away from Hongkong and Shanghai arrive at these two Ports, a greater number of ships are being placed idle, for the officers and engineers concerned are leaving the boats as they arrive at their home Ports.

In Hongkong, this morning, there were twelve river boats and three coast boats held up, and this number was expected to be increased during the day.

The point on which negotiations are being held up is still the refusal of the Shipowners' Protection Association to submit the matter to arbitration. A representative of the Hongkong Telegraph tried to ascertain this morning whether any offer of arbitration was likely to be made by the Association, but several enquiries failed to elicit any information. The Guild had not received any intimation bearing on the subject.

This afternoon, at three o'clock, a meeting of the members of the two Guilds was held at the Astor House Hotel to further discuss ways and means, but it was not known, up to the time of going to Press, whether any further decisions had been come to.

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Thanks are also due to the South China Morning Post Ltd., who very kindly produced the History of Union Church at considerably below cost price.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day, was 5s. 13/4d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—fine. Barometer:—30.13. Temperature 2 p.m.:—68. Humidity 2 p.m.:—49.

FERRY SERVICES.

PROPOSED NEW TIME-TABLE.

Kowloon residents will be interested to hear that there are prospects of a further improvement in the Ferry service by another revision of the time-table.

Since Monday last, experiments have been made for the running of a five-minute service during certain hours, and these experiments will be continued for the remainder of the week. Then, provided they are found workable, they will come definitely into force on Monday next.

The contemplated arrangements are a five-minute service from Kowloon between the hours of 8.30 and 9.15 a.m., and from Hongkong between 12.40 and 1.10 p.m. It is also intended to effect a re-arrangement of the tiffin-hour time-table from Kowloon, the new times to be 1.45 p.m., 1.55 p.m., 2 p.m., 2.05 p.m. and 2.15 p.m.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Pansy Day—Street sale of pansies in the morning; Masked Ball at Volunteer Headquarters at 9 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20.

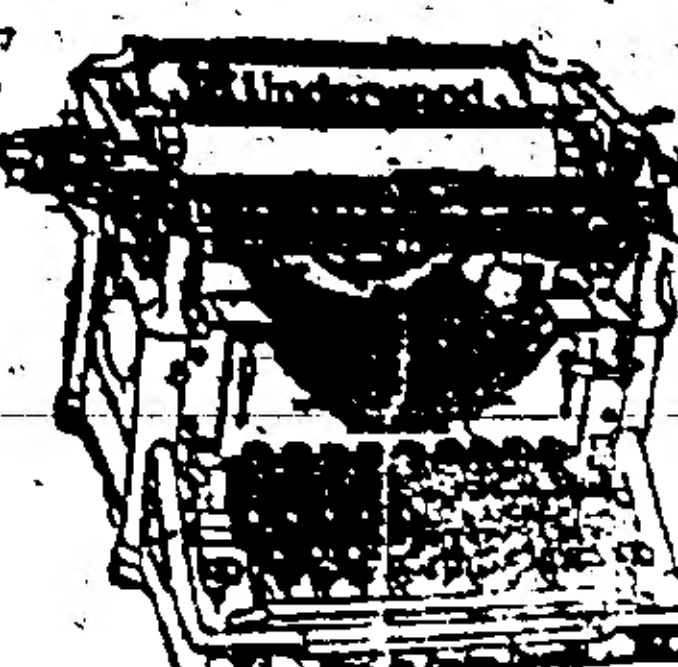
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THE CHINA STATION.

THE ANGOSTURA HUNT.

Following the allegations of brutality practised in the Army come details of the state of affairs in the Navy. They are contained in Mr. Charles Langbridge Morgan's new book, "The Gun-room."

"The Service does its training young," he says "on the principle of flog a dog while it is a puppy. And if you get through that stage, well, you're probably shaped to the mould like the Chinese women's feet, and you forget. . . . But if you break while the pressure is being applied, you break—that's all."

Horrible details of the breaking process are given in a description of gunroom evolutions. The new midshipmen are blindfolded, and forced to follow a trail of Angostura Bitters until they find a hidden piece of bread.

"John began to crawl. . . . A cane sang through the air and fell upon John's legs, sang and fell again."

The smell of corticine and dust sickened him. The blows were falling rapidly now. . . . He saw the reason for this creeping position—the excellence of the target provided. . . . A moment later his hand touched something wet—perhaps the blood from his crushed fingernail, perhaps no more than Driss's ink. . . . His temples and his eyes were throbbing as if they would burst. He paused bewildered and instantly sticks fell on him again."

Such is the Angostura Hunt. The general picture painted of a "middy's" life under a sub-lieutenant is one of hard work, coarse language, and brutal treatment. The China stations come in for special mention. Owing to the idleness and confinement "conversation became incredibly filthy, even the elements of wit disappeared from its indecency. The intelligence of the midshipmen was applied to the invention of new blasphemies, the foulness of which was the measure of the audience's applause."

Although Mr. Morgan's book is a novel, and the events described are pre-war, these are serious statements. A prominent naval officer, who spent five years in the China stations, discussed the subject with the *Daily News*.

"I know the 'China stations well,'" he said, "and those statements are frankly rot. In every port where a midshipman is sent there are games—football and cricket, shooting, riding."

As for the gunroom evolutions, they are more or less on a line with the subaltern's court martial in the Army, with the difference that the average midshipman thinks he owns the ship, and comes aboard with fantastic ideas as to his own importance. Before he becomes a seaman, that's got to be cured, and the sub-lieutenant uses the cane, or Little Benjamin, as we call it, to cure it. I've known 'middles' caned for not speaking properly to the men, or for carelessness in bringing a boat alongside. I've been beaten myself. It's got to be, and most if not all 'middles' prefer being beaten to having their misdeeds reported to the commander."

As for the Angostura hunt, I was highly amused when I read it, and only wished the idea had occurred to me, shorn of some of its unnecessary brutality, of course. In any case, all that sort of thing is very much on the decrease these days but I think the power of the sub-lieutenant to deal out six strokes is a whole-some one."

THE CURIOSITY OF ANIMALS.

SOME PERRINISANCES.

Jessie Forsyth Andrews writes to the *Daily News*—

Kipling's baby elephant, with his "satiable curiosity," is a type of all young animals. Curiosity is a condition of development, and if they are not inquisitive they are imbecile. Vitality, in its early stage, is manifested almost wholly in the impulse to explore, to experience, to discover.

I once knew a little heifer who lived in a pasture crossed by a footpath, and the traffic on it, perhaps half-a-dozen people on a busy day, was as the breath of life to her. She would straddle across the path and butt knowingly at the passers-by, holding them up to find out who they were and what they were carrying. One day she pursued me the whole length of the field. It was on the shoulders of the Wensleydale fells, and it had a slope like the roof of a house. Our progress was ridiculous."

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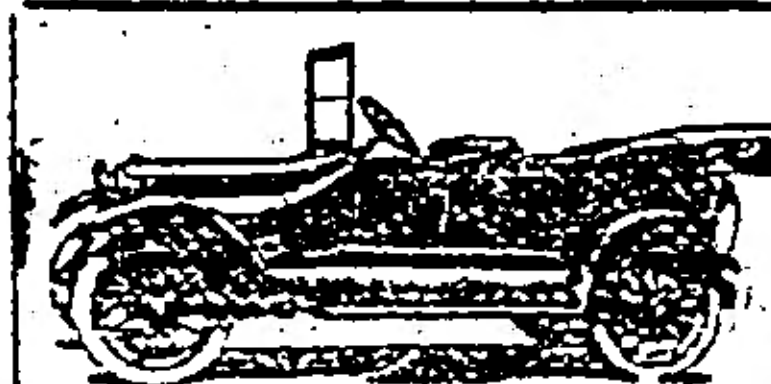
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and bolted into their holes. But tranced by the experience of the little ones only jumped round something new, and quite sent to a posture in which they could sitly replied that there was no hear better, and there they sat harm in it. One even crept mo ionless, more interested than nearer to hear better. It was afraid. One or two patriarchs only when I ceased from lack of emerged from their holes and breath that the chern snapped warned the young things by in the flicker of an eyelid there thumping one hind-leg loudly on the ground, that being the recogni sec code. But it was no use the little rabbits were en-

me; silent, fascinated, curious luxury they can indulge in to any extent. Yet I have seen little that, with a yard of neutral rabbits spellbound with interest in ground between us, and the slightest movement startled them, dered across a moor and come But the helpers were real seekers upon one of those ghylls which after knowledge. Their broad appear so unexpectedly in the pink tongues curled about the toe, Fell country—ravines cut in the of my foot, and the polish seemed, rock by flood torrents. At the to give them much satisfaction: top on either side was a turf-slope they mumbled the tweed of my coat, slobbering freely, and were a little disconcerted by the iron rock, and at its foot a mass of point of my stick. All this their brothers missed. And yet—I have a picture in my memory of a beautiful little bull-calf, pure white, silhouetted against a dark background of trees and undergrowth; he was standing on his hind-legs, with his forelegs gracefully drooping in front, and his neck eagerly stretched up to investigate some matter that interested him in the cleft of a tree. He had no idea that anything human was near him. Rabbits are so defenceless and dumb that curiosity is not a

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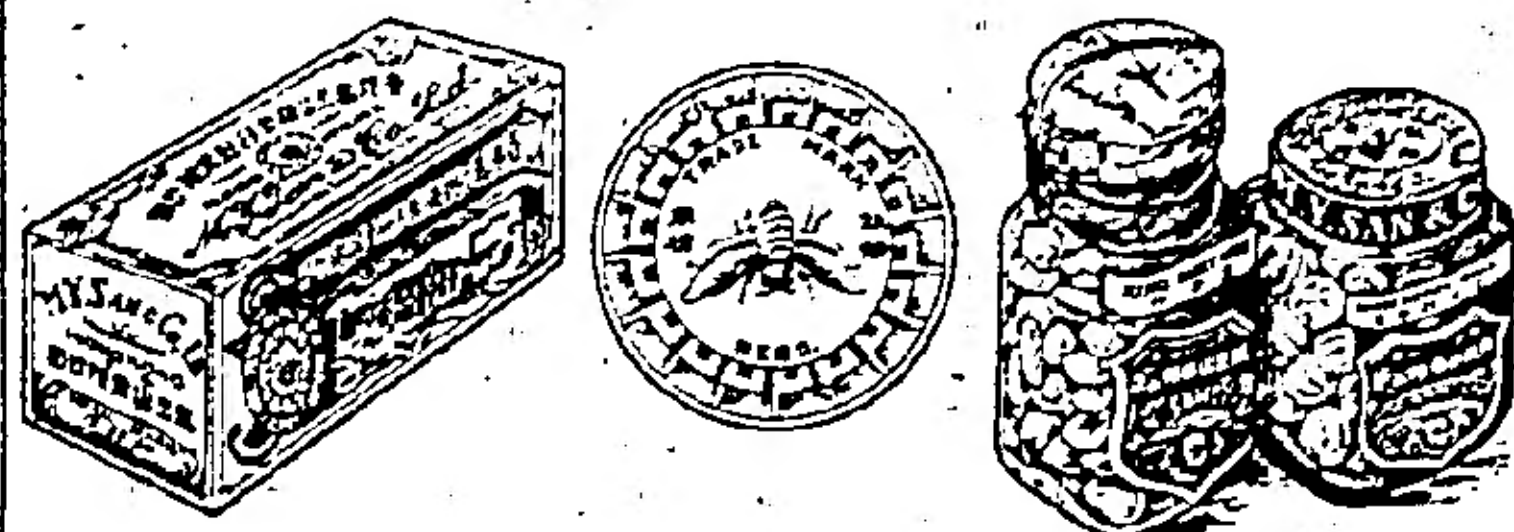
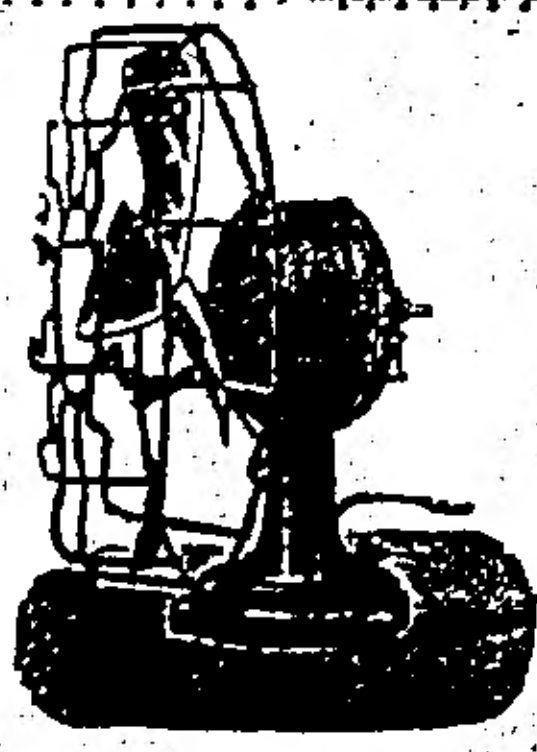
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sational fiction.After many years, writes the
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respondent death has revealed
the remarkable secret of an aged
English subject, who as a frail
but persevering pedlar of razor
and penknife sharpeners, trudged
over the sunny highways of Cali-
fornia, from town to town, between
San Francisco and Los Angeles.The people in the quiet towns
along the pedlar's pilgrimage
would look for the annual coming
of the "quaint old razor man,"
with the dapper little moustache
and the gentle voice, who never
betrayed the story behind the sad
and kindly face.The long pilgrimage has ended
at last in a tragic manner in San
Francisco, on the doorstep of the
home of Edwin A. Turner, a toy-
maker, and his wife, in Green
Street.At the end of the long, long
trail that wound through towns
and villages, the pedlar in a
weakened condition arrived at
the Turner home. H. W. Plum-
men a lodger at the house, who
knew the razor vendor as John
Young, said the Turners were
away but would be home soon.The little old pedlar turned,
clutched at his heart, and sank
down—his wanderings at an end,
dead on the doorstep of the only
friend in his lonely world.At the coroner's inquest, where
all mystery either begins or is
solved, the truth came out—John
B. Young was a woman. Her real
name was Anna O'Connell.Then her only friends, who had
kept her secret for so many years,
told the story of "John Young's"
life.**THE SECRET REVEALED.**Seated on a wooden bench in
his toyshop in Folsom Street,
Edwin Turner, the old English
toy-maker who had befriended
the poor wanderer, told this
strange story:—It is now more than 20 years
ago since my wife made the ac-
quaintance of a Canadian gentle-
woman, named Mrs. Anna
O'Connell. Mrs. O'Connell was
living in the Montgomery Block
with her only child, Marie, and
my wife and she became close
friends.Mrs. O'Connell was the widow
of a Canadian Army officer, and
was a native of Yorkshire.Then came the fire, and earth-
quake of 1906, and Mrs. O'Connell
and her daughter dropped out of
sight.For many years we heard
nothing of them, and then we
went on a visit to the island of
Guernsey, in the English Chan-
nel, where I was born. About
five years ago we returned to San
Francisco.On a certain evening my
wife was alone at home, when
there was a knock on the door.
Opening it, she saw a little old
man wearing a small moustache.
He said to my wife, "I am the
brother of your old friend, Mrs.
Anna O'Connell. Don't I re-
semble him?"My wife said: "Yes, the like-
ness is striking. Come in."
They sat down and had a cup
of tea and talked.**I AM MRS. O'CONNELL.**Suddenly the old man got up,
came to my wife, put his arms
around her, and said: "Look well
at me—I am Mrs. O'Connell."My wife was too surprised for
words, and then the old pedlar ex-
plained that she had adopted man's
clothes as the only way to make a
living. She told of how her
daughter Marie had died, and of
how she was alone in the world.
I came home later, and both my
wife and I promised Mrs. O'Con-
nell that we would keep her
secret.Since that day she has visited
us once a year.We were her only friends, and
she wished to live in San Fran-
cisco, but found that the climate
in the south suited her delicate
health better, and therefore lived
in Pasadena.She told us how she sold
razor and knife blade sharpeners,
walking from one place to another
and getting "lifts" from passing
motor-cars. And now she is
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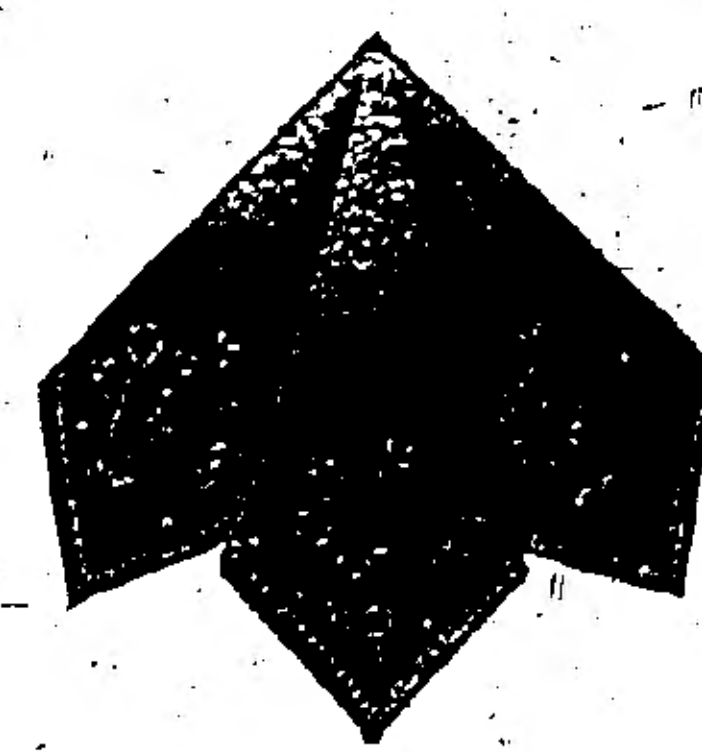
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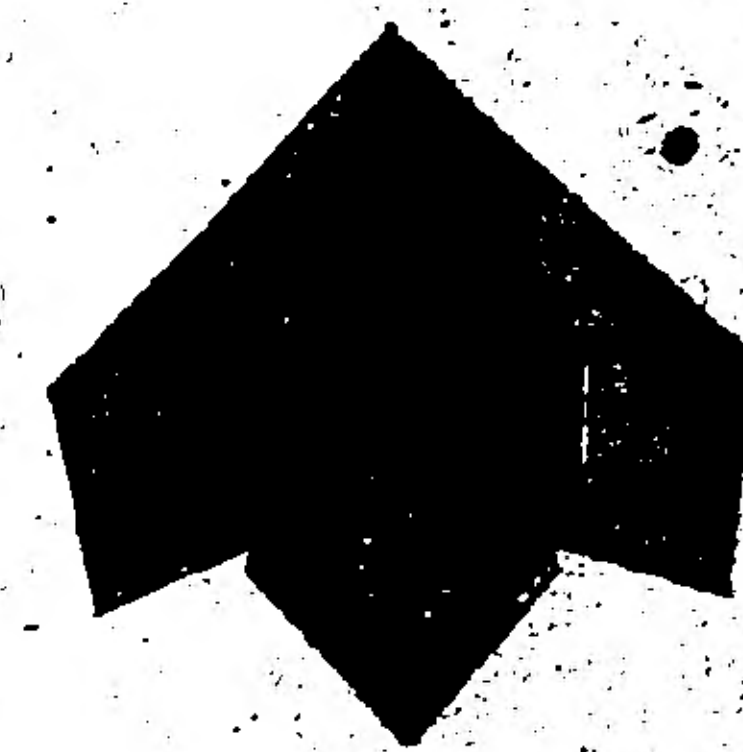
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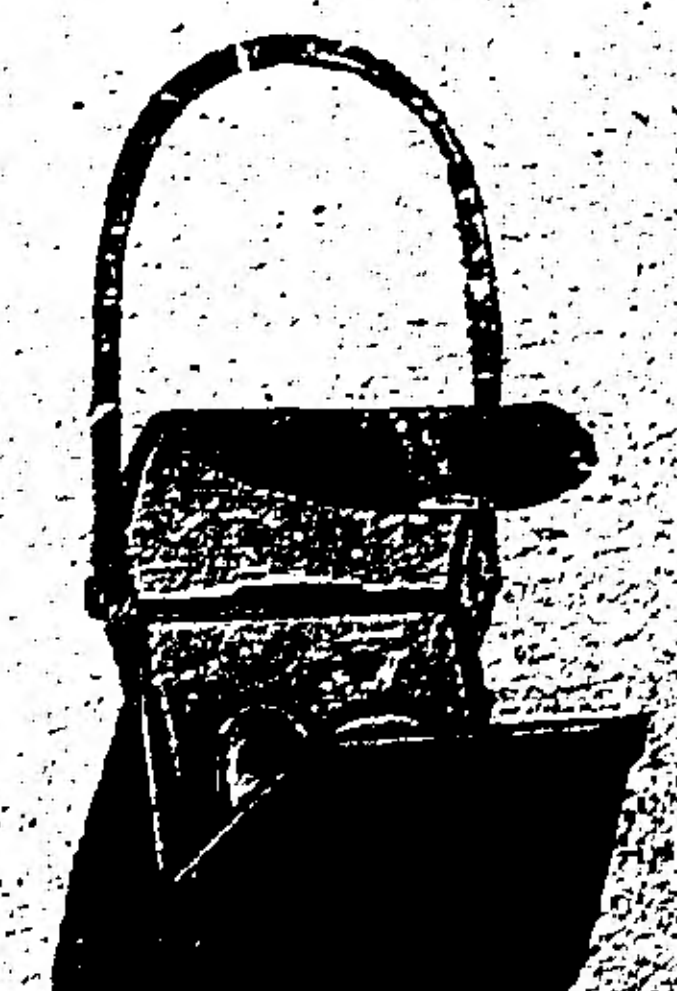
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CRIME IN THE COLONY.

To the ordinary layman it would seem almost an impossible task for the Police to succeed in the capture of Chinese criminals of the dare-devil type of those who broke loose from gaol early on Monday morning and, in order to escape, did not hesitate to murder two warders. In a Colony like this, with its teeming thousands of natives, we can imagine escaped convicts, once having got rid of their prison garb, becoming absorbed into the common masses, hiding somewhere in secret until such time as they thought it safe to emerge and then eventually getting clear of the Colony. Or, with the ready facilities available, they might succeed in getting, say, to Canton before the Police had time to circulate the news of their escape or any descriptions of the men. And once in Canton, with its millions of inhabitants, to discover them would be a task just as difficult as searching for the proverbial needle in the stack of hay. These are only some of the difficulties which the Police are up against in cases of this kind. They by no manner of means exhaust the list of obstacles which have to be confronted and which make the work of the guardians of law here far more difficult, in many respects, than that of the Police at Home. But even those mentioned are sufficient to cause us to think all the more highly of our Police when they succeed in capturing criminals of this kind. So we say "Well done!" to the Police for their smartness in already having secured one of the gang which got away from Victoria Gaol in the early hours of Monday morning. This shows that the Force here is wide awake and efficient, despite what its detractors may say.

Just at present—maybe it is partly due to the near approach of China New Year—the Colony is suffering from a regular wave of criminality. Scarcely a day passes that some case of robbery with violence is not reported. One of the worst features of these occurrences, is the growing use of firearms by Chinese desperadoes. This is a development of recent years, and that it immensely increases the risks which our Police officers run goes without saying. Happily, it is not often that criminals break goal here. But criminals are all the time busy outside the prison, none the less, and it is the tracking down of these and the prevention of their lawless acts which comprise such a large part of the duty of our Police. Arm-chair critics there are in our midst in abundance; people who are doing serious harm. These are they who not stop to think, who do not exercise their common-sense by contemplating the tremendous difficulties surrounding the task of crime-prevention and detection in this Colony. Had Hongkong a stationary population, that task would be infinitely easier. As it is, we have an ever-changing mass of people, always coming and going, who are in easy touch with Canton and other populous coast ports. And the worst of it all is that those who come include a very big sprinkling of deep-dyed criminals who visit Hongkong for the express purpose of robbery and who do not hesitate to use any means to attain their ends. This has always been the Colony's biggest problem from the Police standpoint. We get here the scum of Canton, and those included in that term can come and go without let or hindrance. Europeans during the War had to arm themselves with passports and permits before they were allowed either to enter or leave the Colony. Even now, passports are necessary in certain cases. Yet Chinese criminals and desperadoes of the blackest type can come and go just when and how they please.

It would admittedly be a hard task to keep a check on all Chinese coming into the Colony. It is possible, none the less, just as it is possible, with reasonable limits, to keep out smugglers here, the Police would be materially aided in their work and no doubt many criminals would be shut out. We know the old cry about interference with the liberty of the subject, but special circumstances justify special measures. The liberties of all are restricted in certain respects; that is necessary for the common weal. So if a post-tax would result in keeping desperate characters from coming into the Colony, there is no reason why it would not be instituted for the sake of the safety of the community as a public security. Whether that is the best solution of the matter we should not like to say. One thing is certain, namely that new measures will have to be devised for keeping down criminality. The Police are not blame, for there is a limit to human efficiency, after all.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

LAST NIGHT'S PARADE.

It was only in the nature of things that there should be a large attendance on the Cricket Ground last evening to see the final full parade of the Defence Corps, when His Excellency the Governor took opportunity to thank all the members for their services. The war record of the force, first as a Volunteer organisation and later as a compulsorily augmented body, is by no means so invaluable as some cynically-minded persons are inclined to think. True it is, that the members of the force were never called upon to face their rigorous and hardships of actual combatant service, but in the performance of the Colony's war-time duties they cheerfully contributed an assistance that often entailed considerable personal sacrifice. In addition to civilian tasks they discharged duties that were essential in character and which, but for their aid, would have had to be carried out by men of regular units. With the conclusion of the war and with the automatic passing away of its emergency necessities, it is only right that this large body of men should be freed from the compulsory status that was rendered expedient, though a period longer, perhaps, than was necessary has elapsed between the cessation of hostilities and the removal of the compulsory law. The Colony is now waiting to see the Ordinance passed that will give effect to the promises of a reversion. The men themselves, it would seem, are to be given the choice of a name for the future Corps, and we fancy that the old title of Volunteers will find general support. Bound up with the word are a great many past associations, in addition to which its significance should rightly apply to a volunteer body. His Excellency's appeal to the men to continue in the Force, will, we are sure, meet with a large response, for there are very many compensating pleasures to be derived from voluntary service in an auxiliary force of this nature.

AN UNREPORTED SPEECH.

Speaking of yesterday's parade itself it was indeed unfortunate that better opportunity was not given for the Colony as a whole to benefit by the remarks of His Excellency, because, after all, it said and done, the whole of the Colony was interested. Press representatives were present but were not given one single facility to report the fairly lengthy speech that was delivered. Seeing that not more than one-third of the men being addressed could hear what was being said the point has extra weight added to it. The reporters present were very naturally expecting a more formal formation of the Corps, such as a hollow square by the saluting base, but it came as a surprise to find that His Excellency was addressing the men immediately after the inspection in Battalion formation. To have crossed the Cricket Ground at that stage would have been worse than useless, and there was a very natural expectancy that there would, subsequently, have been available notes of the speech. But nothing more than a very abridged memorandum summary was obtainable. Apart altogether from our own side of the question, we feel that we are only voicing a general disappointment that a more adequate report was not possible. The occasion was unique and it marked the end of an important period. It is, fortunately, not often that matters so turn out, but we might very legitimately express the hope that at similar future public functions more adequate arrangements might be made for the convenience of the Colony's Press.

NOT FAIR WEAR AND TEAR.

We have noted with satisfaction that the Hongkong Tramway Company has lately been busy, relaying the metals from Garden Road to Ice House Street. Just at present traffic is considerably inconvenienced by the state of the road, but when all has been put straight the improvement will be appreciated by users of this important highway. The metals, especially on the corner by the City Hall, had sunk below the level of the road and constituted a danger to riders in rickshaws and cyclists. One is forced to sympathize with the Tramway Company, who are, by Ordinance, liable for the proper upkeep of the roadway between the metals and for eighteen inches on either side. It is this part of the road that is subjected to the heaviest wear, and matters are greatly aggravated by the fact that pullers of heavy trucks find the metals a fine easy place on

DAY BY DAY.

I BELIEVE THAT THE MAN WHO WILL COME OUT ON STRIKE FOR FUN WILL GO TO HELL FOR PLEASURE.—Mr. Jack Jones M. P.

H. M. S. Kent is now moored off Kowloon.

Yesterday's health return shows two cases of diphtheria, both Chinese. One was fatal.

The Osaka Shosha Kaisha has issued two very striking wall calendars of effective design in beautiful colours.

The Portuguese vessel Nam Wan (Capt. C. Costa) which arrived here yesterday from Hoihow towed the motor vessel Kwong Lee Loy from Hoihow into this port.

For the convenience of Christmas shoppers, Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.'s establishment will remain open until 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 20th instant.

The harbour presented a very busy appearance this morning. In addition to five steamers at the Kowloon wharves, there were in port many big boats, including the Tenyo Maru, the Nile, two P. and O. vessels, the Mishima Maru, two Blue Funnel boats and a J. C. J. L. steamer.

Owing to the remittance to France of the money subscribed for the premium bonds issued by the French Government for restoring the devastated regions of France, the Exchange market was weak, the rate on France dropping from 1,100, yesterday's quotation, to 1,000. The exact amount of the remittance is not known, but it must have been heavy.

A Trade Enquiry List issued by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, shows that American concerns are seeking Hongkong connections in peanut shellers and graders; sausages; peanuts; old Manila cordage; plumbers' supplies; hardware; stoves and ranges and similar goods; dyes; household and office furniture; and millinery goods; Victory tractors; medicinal chemicals and pharmaceutical preparations; gas producers; high speed and carbon tool steel.

Two thieves yesterday got busy among some bags of Chinese medicine which were awaiting transportation to the junks on the "Praya Wall at Connaught Road West. One of them held a bag for the convenience of his fellow who was helping himself to the contents. Whilst they were thus busily occupied, no attention was paid to a boatman who seeing what they were up to, raised the alarm. One of the thieves was caught and to-day given six weeks' at the Magistracy.

With the advent of the cold weather the management of the Victoria Theatre have reverted to matinees every afternoon. There will be a matinee show every afternoon commencing to-day. These are certain to be appreciated by all, as it has been a great drawback that matinees at the Victoria used previously to be held on particular days in the week. There are some important improvements on the tapis at the Victoria Theatre and these will be announced within the course of the next few days. The matinee programmes will be the same as the 7.15 shows.

When charged with being in possession of two Chinese swords, and one fighting iron, a Chinese passenger by the s.s. Hinsang said these instruments were used by him in his capacity of a juggler. His performances extended from British North Borneo to Singapore and he was at present on his travels back to the land of his ancestors. We missed the pleasure of witnessing a juggling performance when Mr. J. R. Wood referred the case to the Captain Superintendent of Police in connection with the disposal of the weapons. The juggler will be again brought before His Worship to-morrow after his case has received the attention of Mr. Wolfe.

which to get the wheels. Despite the fact that the wheels on trucks are not now supposed to be of the same width as the metals, they still often are, for it was only the other day that we saw a truck sailing along in fine style on the Praya. It is doubtless a difficult task to stop this practice because it is so widespread, but it is also an imposition on a public utility Company that it should not be called upon to bear.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

(BY "ENHARMONIC")

I had quite an interesting chat with M. Sykora, the well-known cellist during his very short stay in the Colony last week. He had just arrived from Java and Sumatra on the completion of a very successful tour of those islands. He told me that he had visited no fewer than 48 different places and had played at 99 concerts. That certainly is a very big programme for one tour. With justifiable pride he added that he had played 150 compositions by 56 composers. These figures may seem something like a "boost," but they are a record of which any man might be proud. M. Sykora was genuinely sorry that he had no time to give a concert in Hongkong, as he was catching a boat straight away for Manila. After a short stay there he will return to Hongkong on his way to America and he hopes to have time to give a public concert.

Like his friend, M. Sklarevsky, Sykora is going to America, where he hopes to enhance his already big reputation. On the way he will visit Shanghai and Japan and I can predict that he will have a hearty welcome from the musical people up north, to whom he is already well known. It may be that the Far East will not see these two players again for a long time, for success in America will mean a lengthy stay. One says good-bye to them with a considerable amount of regret, because it is rare indeed that we have any high-class instrumentalists passing through to give us a taste of what music should be like. And now the greater attraction of America is taking away two of the best we have known.

I noticed in a recent Shanghai paper that a violin recital by Frank Smit, the well known Czech violinist, accompanied by his confere, Lada Kaigl, was to have been given in the French Municipal Hall. The paper states:—In 1913 M. Frank Smit appeared before enthusiastic audiences in Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Prague, etc., but with the outbreak of war his musical career was temporarily suspended, and he found himself embarked upon that great adventure which led up to the Czechoslovak Army's fight through Siberia. Last winter M. Frank Smit and Lada Kaigl were delighted audiences of Allied soldiers with the concerts they most kindly gave in the Y.M.C.A. huts at Vladivostok. Now M. Smit has begun a world tour and is visiting Shanghai on his journey to the south. M. Smit's perfect technique and broad tone qualities won for him, at a recital given in Tokyo recently, the reputation of being the greatest violinist who had ever played in Japan.

The above states that these two artists are on their way south, and there is a very natural hope felt by all that they will favour Hongkong musical people with a chance of hearing them. I shall have to get busy enquiring whether there has been any request for arrangements to be made.

I have been reading one or two very interesting musical articles during the past week, and notice that recently a lecturer in America, discoursing on music, asked his audience, at the end of the lecture, who was the greatest composer. The answer was Beethoven. A leading American musical paper took up a discussion on the incident, and came to the conclusion that the answer was wrong. Ask any person the same question, and he would give you at once the name of the composer whose works he knew best. Some would say Mozart, some Bach, and some would be tempted to put Wagner into the place of honour.

Is it not the real truth that the question is absurd and admits of no real answer? There is no real way of measuring the comparative values of a Beethoven, a Mozart, a Bach, or a Wagner. The whole thing is on a par with the idiotic questions examiners used to ask as to "the most beautiful verse in Homer," "the finest passage in Cicero," "the greatest character in Shakespeare." I suppose art students have been asked what is the greatest painting or the most magnificent piece of sculpture in the world. And I wonder whether the right answer is possible to find in that case either.

THE GAOL SENSATION.

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

When the enquiry into the Victoria Gaol murders was resumed yesterday, at the Magistracy, after the tiffin interval, Mr. Franks, the Superintendent of the Gaol, in continuing his evidence, said that the page in the night duty book was signed by Warder Speed, who had made entries up to 2.40 a.m. The routine was for the principal warder to enter the times at which he inspected the yards and patrols during the night but he was not bound down to any particular times in the frequent inspections that he had to make. Between the hours of 10.15 p.m. and 6 a.m. which was to have been his period of duty, he was the only European in the Gaol. The average number of visits of inspection during these hours were nine, and it was possible that he was entering up all these at once when he was attacked. The rope by which the prisoners escaped measured 19 feet long which was two feet six inches longer when compared to the height of the wall where it was found. The grill to which the rope was attached was two feet four inches back of the wall. The prison itself was four feet from the yard wall. The missing key was lost on the 24th April last. It was a pass key and unlocked the principal beat gates of the Gaol. The Indian warder had the key attached to his key chain on duty. He did not report the loss but the principal warder who discovered it, did. The pass key was not supposed to be taken out of the Gaol but there was nothing to prevent the warder from doing so. The key was supposed to be handed to the man on duty in the Principal warder's office by the Indian warder when he went off duty. The pass key would open the gate opposite the Chief warder's office through which the prisoners would have to pass to get to their cells. A similar key was found on the body of Warder Speed. After the whole prison has been searched, witness came to the conclusion that either the key had been thrown over the wall or the warder had lost it outside the Gaol.

Examined by the Coroner, witness said that it appeared to him that the instruments found in the cells of the prisoners after their escape must have been brought from outside. In his opinion the prisoners worked on the doors of their cells for over an hour. The authorities contemplated making black suits for the prisoners during the summer and probably the prisoners when escaping were wearing clothes made by themselves with such cloth.

Indian Guard No. 24 gave evidence to the effect that he was on duty that night and was patrolling in ward F4 when he heard some noise proceeding from the ground floor. Hastening downstairs he observed two prisoners attacking Warder Speed in the Chief Warder's office. Witness entered the office and engaged in a struggle with one of Warder Speed's assailants. Pushing the other man aside Speed ran out of the office and witness followed his example, intending to ring the alarm bell. Outside he saw Ayab Khan struggling with one of the prisoners. He intervened, then ran to the reserved guard room where he blew his whistle. Armed with a bamboo pole, which he had secured from the guard room, witness pursued the prisoners who opened the gate and disappeared.

Sergeant Reid said that at 4.30 a.m. on that morning he found a knife in a lane leading to Staunton Street, outside the Victoria Gaol. It bore blood-stains.

Sergeant Ingham said that at 11 a.m. yesterday the re-arrested prisoner Wong Kwong took him and a party of Police to the roof of the Lusitano servants' quarters at the Lusitano Club. A blood-stained knife was found among some rubbish.

Mr. Franks said that there were two staircases leading to the ground floor, and he surmised that Hernam Singh was stabbed when he tried to intercept the prisoners on one of them.

The enquiry was adjourned until to-day.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The enquiry was resumed this morning with the evidence of a boy employed at the Lusitano Club, to which the prisoners were stated to have gone after their escape from the Gaol.

Before the evidence of this witness was taken the

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Two stories by Pett Ridge in the *Daily Chronicle*. Brown-faced children were returning from country holidays, and at the station were met by their parents. One little girl, in going down the slope with her mother, chattered vivaciously. "And I got up early this mornin'—I did, oh ever so early, earlier than early, in fact, and I went out all myself, I did, and I picked strawberries with my own fingers, and I brought 'em home to the cottage, and I eat 'em, I did, for my breakfast. What you think of that, mother?" "I think," said her mother, lugubriously, "it's a mercy you ought to be uncommon thankful for that you didn't fall off the tree, and break your bloomin' neck!"

The King and those shooting with him had most excellent sport among the deer on the moors around Balmoral this year, though they are far from having "broken all records," as some enthusiasts have stated. Though the stags have been both numerous and of decent size, it is probable that we shall have to wait many years before the giant brought down by the present King in September, 1909, is rivalled. This great fellow weighed nearly 22 stone and was a "ten-pointer." The nearest approach was the one shot by King Edward that was just over 21 stone. Probably the best day's sport ever enjoyed over the royal moors was as far back as August, 1866, when to King Edward's rifle alone seven stags fell in one day. This record was closely approached in September, 1902, when King Edward brought down half a dozen stags. In 1907 the total bag of stags at Balmoral was ninety-four, with an average weight of 13st. 10lb.

Every dog has its day. It is interesting to look back upon the fleeting careers of many a novel enterprise that promised to grow and flourish and become a permanent institution in the land. Readers can recall them for themselves. Their names are legion. On the stage we have had many examples of the boom of yesterday which has become the failure of to-day. Types of theatrical entertainment have rushed into popularity only to "peter out" before they had become established in the public estimation. As a rule the reason is that they are cheap, tawdry, flimsy affairs put together with a hammer and tacks, and possessing no permanent charm. Of such an order is the revue. It has had its day, and the public are growing tired of its inanities. The time is ripe for a new departure on the music hall stage. It has been an unsatisfactory quantity ever since it emerged from the old song and supper room, and has never yet won the esteem of the entire theatre-going public. With the passing of the revue we would gladly welcome a stage performance which would furnish entertainment of a higher order than the music halls have ever been able to provide. Up till now their best items have come from the legitimate stage, but there is still a wide field for the author who can turn out a play which will find patrons in all classes of society.

Coroner. (Mr. J. R. Wood) remarked:—"Before continuing with the evidence, I wish to say more especially to the Gentlemen of the Press that we are getting to a stage when evidence will be called as to the movements of the escaped prisoners outside the Gaol. I should like you to refrain, in the interests of the witnesses, from reports of this evidence."

The prisoner who escaped and has been arrested will be brought before me this afternoon at 2.15 p.m. and his movements outside the Gaol will, I hope, not be reported.

After the "boy" had given his evidence, Principal Warder McLeod was called. His evidence was mostly of a corroborative character to the evidence of previous witnesses. He mentioned that the key which unlocks the safe in which were a number of cell keys was not found on the person of Warder Speed, but was later discovered lying on the floor outside the Chief Warder's Office. The safe was locked and the cell keys inside it had not been interfered with.

This afternoon, the captured convict was brought before the Coroner, but he made no statement.

SWEET CHARITY.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.

We understand from Mr. J. M. Alves, the President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, that His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni has now received information that the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda has given the necessary authorisation for the Little Sisters of the Poor to establish themselves in Hongkong.

The great charitable institution known all over the world as the "Little Sisters of the Poor" has done immense good to the poor old people in every community, which has had the happiness of having them.

These people unite the life of hospitality to the religious life. They form a congregation of nuns hospitaliers consecrated by vow to the care of the poor and infirm aged people. Such is their mission. It is a work consecrated to the aged.

The Little Sisters of the Poor devote themselves in the closest manner to the service of the aged and ailing poor. To this they apply their intelligence and their strength, their affection and their self sacrifice. Their life has but one aim—the relief, spiritual and temporal, of their old people. As their name so well defines it, they are for life the "Little Sisters of the Poor."

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In their homes no annuitants, no privileged old people are received but only the most desolate and the most infirm. All are without the necessary means of livelihood and have the same dietary, and all are adopted for sweet charity. The home is the common harbour whither after chequered passages, tend the lives of many. Each has its story, grave or gay, calm or tempest tossed.

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THE CABARET.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

Among the items of entertainment offered at the Variety Entertainment in connection with the Cabaret on Saturday afternoon are songs by Mr. R. A. Green, who has already created a deep impression among music lovers in Hongkong. The talented Misses Young and Miss Winnie Lawson have also kindly consented to appear.

The Management is particularly fortunate in receiving the kind offer of the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods to lend their services at both performances. They have consented by special request to include the Duet from "Tales of Hoffmann" in their evening's repertoire and we can assure our readers that this alone is an item to have heard.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918) LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Saturday the 20th December, 1919, at 11.30 a.m. in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the 14 months ending 30th September, 1919, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday the 15th December 1919 until Saturday the 20th December 1919, both days inclusive. SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Managers. Hongkong, 8th December, 1919.

THE CORONET.

A METRO ATTRACTION.

The Coronet Theatre is now presenting a big Metro attraction in "The Voice of Conscience." Provided with a dual role, Francis X. Bushman, assisted by Beverly Bayne, appears in this fine film. The story concerns Houston, in prison, who persuades Potter, in an adjoining cell, to impersonate him, and upon release to visit his home in Virginia, for the sake of his mother, who is blind and feeble. Potter falls in love with Houston's sister, Allane, and finds that Johnson, a friend of the family, is in reality Stephen Liggett, who was responsible for his being unjustly sent to prison. Later, Johnson, after insulting Allane and being thrashed by Potter, publicly denounces him, and Mrs. Houston dies as a result of the excitement. Potter confesses the deception to Allane, who returns his love. Johnson, intending to kill Potter, by mistake shoots Houston, who has been released from prison. Potter is arrested and convicted on circumstantial evidence, when he is saved by the testimony of a half-witted negro, Johnson, shot while attempting to escape, confesses that Potter was railroaded to prison, and all ends happily.

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son & Co. Ltd. on Tuesday the
23rd December 1919 at 5.15 p.m.(a) To receive from the Com-
mittee a report Balance
Sheet and Statement of ac-
counts for the year ended
30th September, 1919.(b) To elect Officers and other
members of the Committee
in the place of the retiring
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MANILA	Yuehsang	Fri., 19th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Hopsang	Sun., 21st Dec. at d'light.
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SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Wed., 24th Dec. at noon.
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FOR DEVASTATED FRANCE.

THE MASKED BALL.

We hear that tickets for the Masked Ball at the Volunteer Parade Ground on the 19th (in spite of the fact that they cost \$5 each) are going like the proverbial hot cakes, and that all the world and his wife will be there is certain. Several enthusiastic promoters of this worthy charitable enterprise are asking large parties of guests to dine and go on to the ball together, all dressed alike or in costumes mutually recognizable. As Mark Twain "strawberry mark on the left arm" will possibly not be on view as identification, it will be interesting to see what means will be taken to ensure a disguise which will be no disguise to one's particular cronies.

Dominoes of any colour or material, but preferably of cotton, are to be worn, and donned, together with a mask, over one's ordinary evening clothes, in the dressing room on the evening of the ball at Volunteer Headquarters. These dominoes can be easily made at home, as they are shaped alike for both sexes, more or less like an evening cloak, or even a dressing gown, with a hood to cover the hair. The various posters about the town show several types of the kind of thing expected. They can be run up in an hour or two at home, or made by any Chinese tailor for very little—in fact, economy in this regard is asked for. Ah Men, in Queen's Road, has patterns of materials and cut, if intending participants fear to tackle the job unaided.

HARBOUR OFFENCE.

Rule of the Road Ignored. In the Marine Court this morning before Captain Basil Taylor, R.N., Marine Magistrate, Inspector W.G. Gerrard prosecuted the master of the steam launch Tai Koo Kwai for failing to observe the rule of the road as laid down by His Majesty's Orders-in-Council, in Victoria Harbour at 10.45 a.m. on the 13th instant. Inspector Gerrard stated that on the 13th instant he was a passenger on a Yaumati ferry launch. About a thousand yards from the shore, while he was coming from Yaumati, his launch passed the stern of the Tenyo Maru. Defendant's launch was coming from that ship. When witness first saw her she was nearly on his launch's port beam, steering about four points to starboard of the Yaumati launch's course, about forty yards away. The coxswain was not paying attention to his steering. He was looking down below, talking to some one. The coxswain of the Yaumati launch blew a blast, but defendant took no notice. The launches were all the while getting closer. Witness and the passengers all shouted to defendant and he at last looked up and put his helm over, but it was too late. Defendant's launch's bows struck the aft port side of the other launch, inflicting very little damage. The defendant stated that the two launches were abreast and the other launch tried to cross his bows.

Captain Taylor fined defendant \$20.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. NAVY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Navy in a League match on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground on Saturday, 20th December, play to commence at 2.15 p.m.—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), A. Burnie, D. E. Donnelly, T. J. Fenwick, J. D. Humphreys, P. Jacks, E. G. Lammert, A. K. MacKenzie, E. J. R. Mitchell, C. C. Stark and R. P. Thursfield.

I.R.C. v. R.G.A. The following will represent the I.R.C. in their League fixture against the R.G.A. on the former's ground on Saturday at 2 p.m.—A. H. Rumjahn (Captain), G. C. Earde, A. el Arculli, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, N. M. Bux, E. A. Moosdeen, A. A. Rumjahn, D. Rumjahn, and S. M. Moosa.

10-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

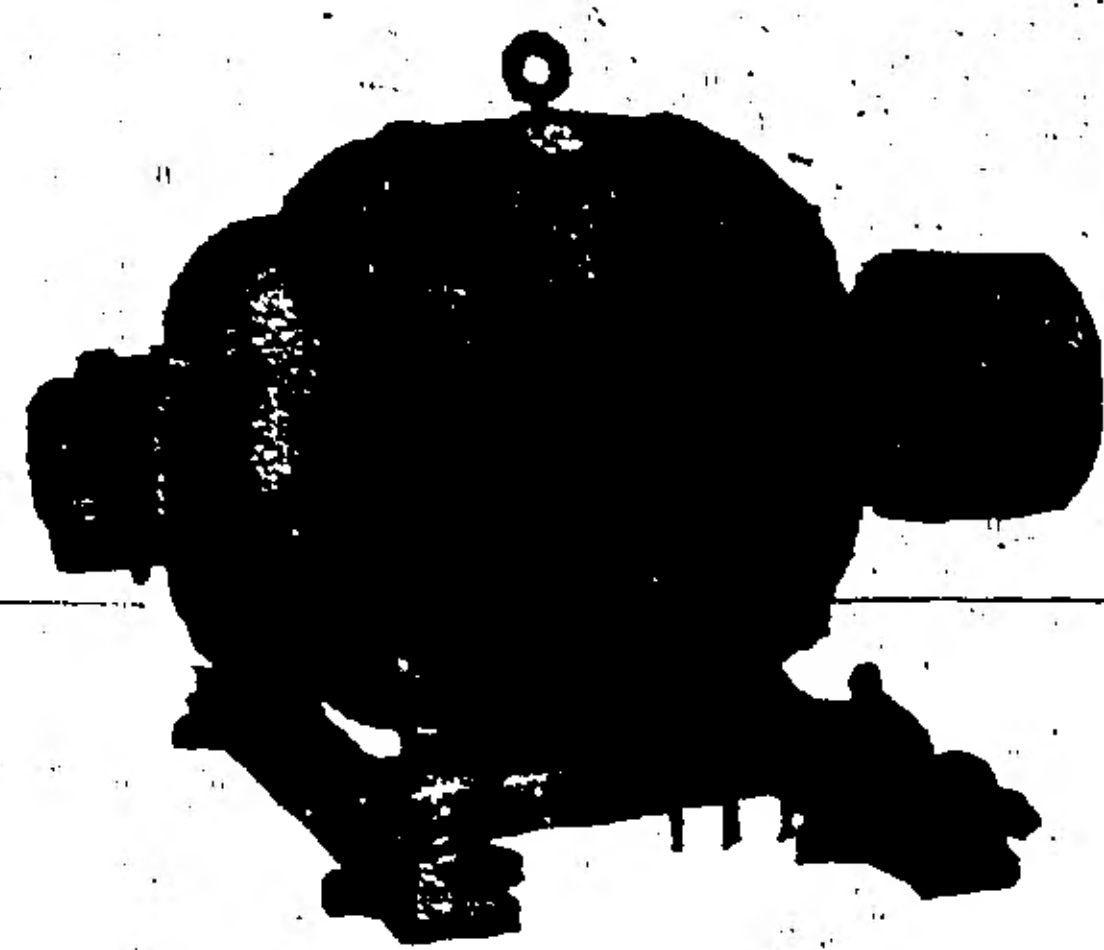
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L. Invest.	s. 118
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K. Loan Lands	b. 46
L. Reclamations	s. 150
West Points	b. 82
Cotton Mills.	
Kwoi	b. 650
Kung Yiks	n. 300
Lau Kung Mows	n. 320
Oriental	n. 280
Shai Cottons	n. 280
Yangtzepons	n. 31
Miscellaneous.	
Cements	b. 680
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Do. Light b. old 7 1/2	s. a. new 5 1/2
China Providents	s. 8
Dairy Farms	n. 22 1/2
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Peak Trams, old	s. 7
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Water-boats	b. 12
Watsons	s. 53 1/2
Wm. Powells	b. 12
Wisemans	b. 27 1/2

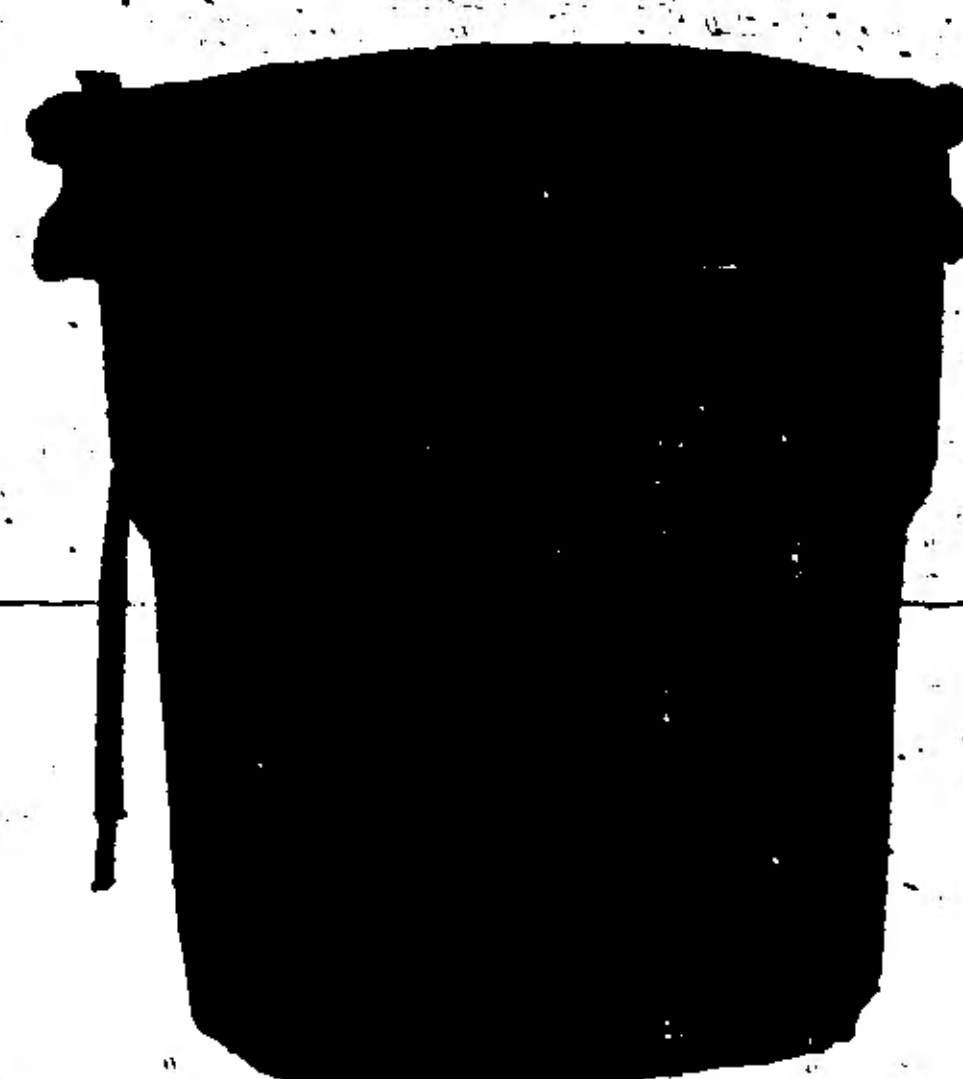
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Hongkong, 17th December, 1919.
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 1919.

Dinner Dances will be held on the following nights during Christmas week:—
Christmas Eve, Wednesday, 24th December,
Christmas Night, Thursday, 25th December,
Boxing Night, Friday, 26th December.

and
New Year's Eve, Wednesday, 21st December.

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NOTICE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Quarries" will be received at this Office until Noon on Monday the 22nd day of December, 1919, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong, Kowloon, and the New Territories, for one year from the 1st January, 1920.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

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Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area.	Unit Price	Deposit
Tau Tau Mui No. 2	12.02	1,700.00	250.00
Shau Tsan No. 3 & 4	7.15	3,300.00	500.00
Hot Un No. 5	8.44	4,300.00	700.00
Ma Tau Kok No. 7	8.70	1,500.00	250.00
(2) Ma Tau Kok No. 8	4.60	1,200.00	200.00
Jordan Road No. 10	4.65	1,300.00	220.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 6	2.25	800.00	130.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 1	10.80	2,100.00	350.00
S. 7, 8, 10, 19, 20 & 25	11.14, 21 & 22	3.90	200.00 35.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 9	11.14, 21 & 22	3.90	200.00 35.00
Chai Kwoi No. 10	24.56	2,500.00	410.00
Sai Toi No. 11	15.30	4,500.00	80.00
Lycium No. 1 & 25	26.44	2,800.00	460.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 12	2.10	400.00	65.00
First Test Mining No. 12	4.88	1,400.00	220.00

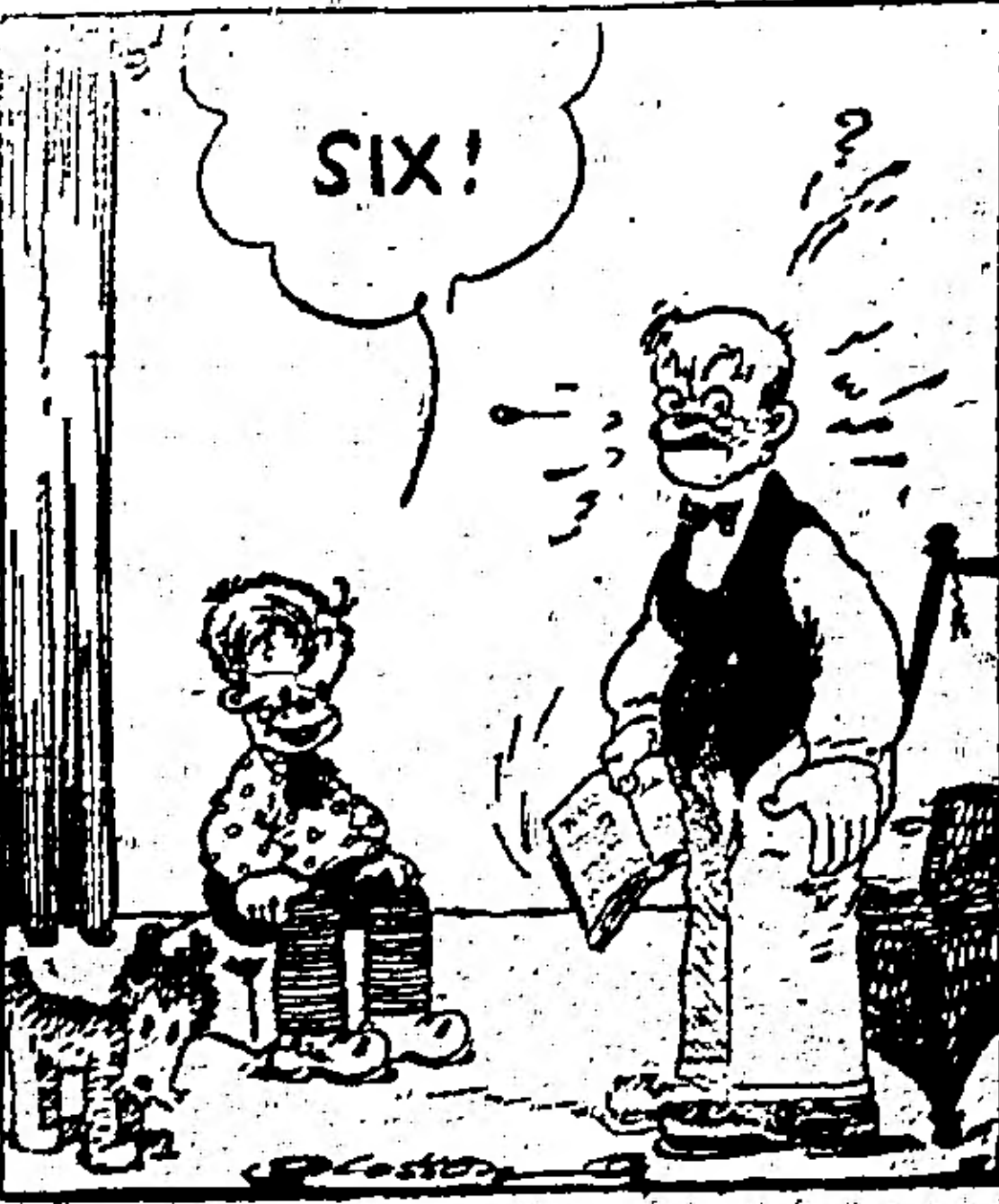
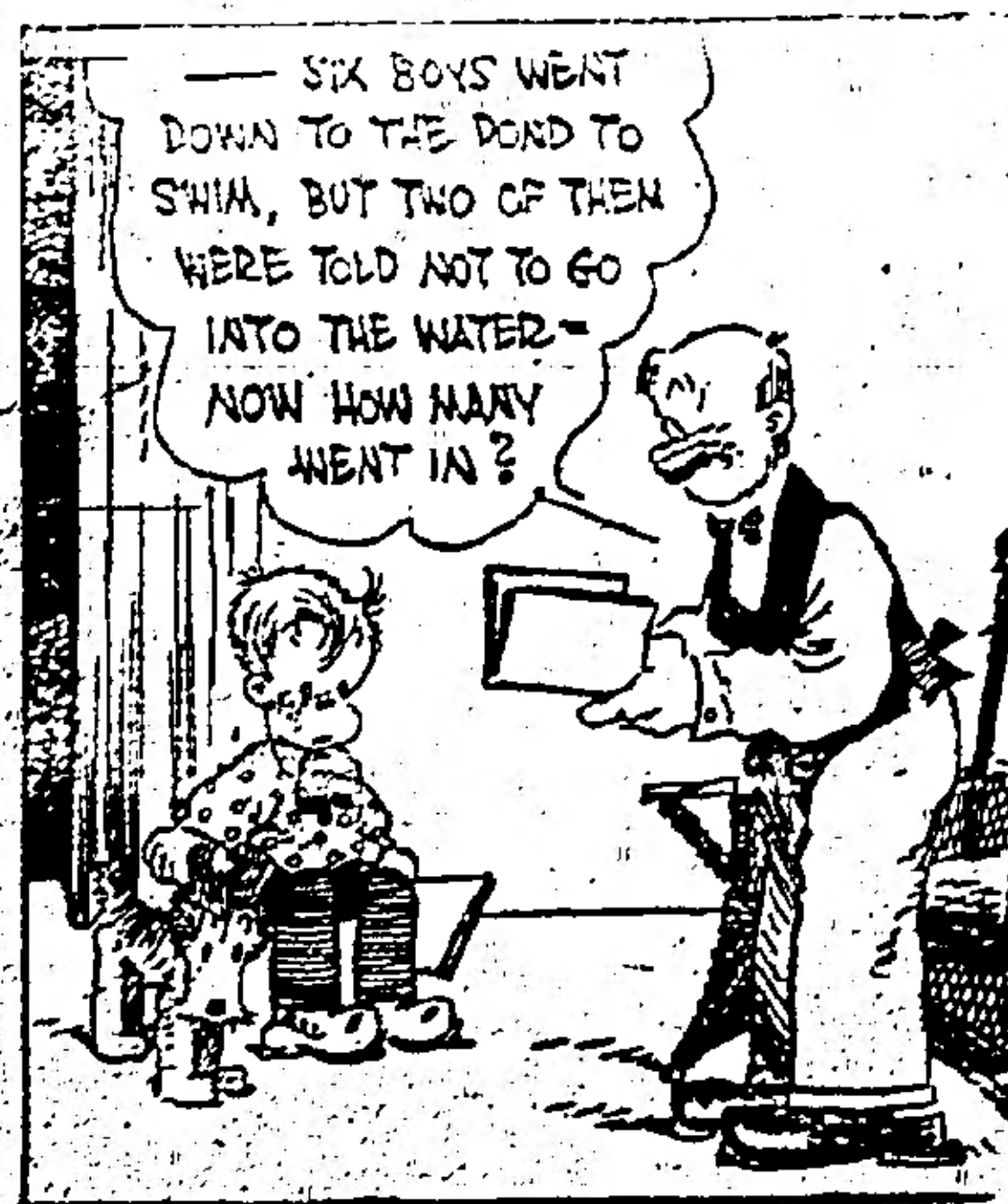
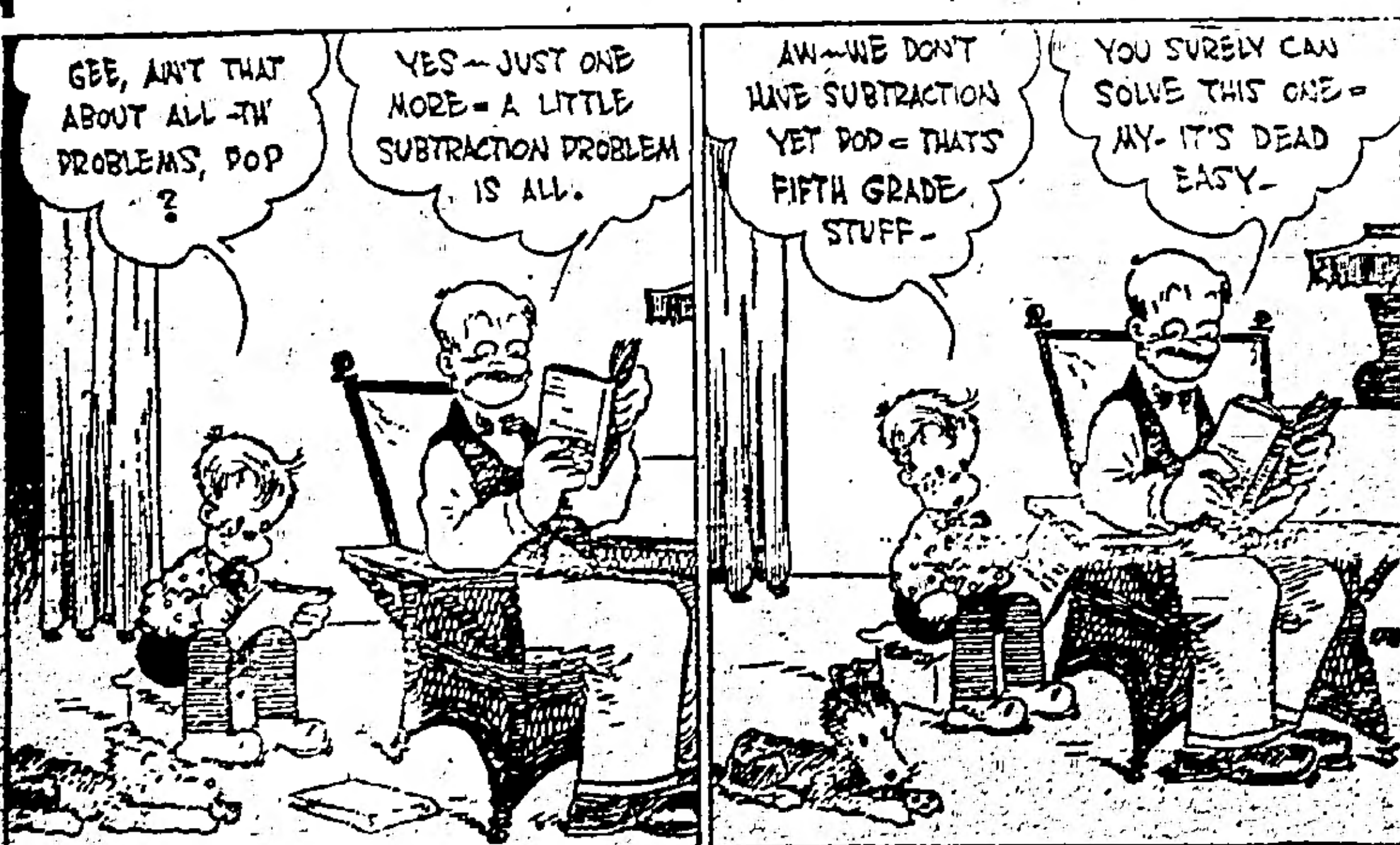
(1) The tenderer for Hok Un Quarry Lot No. 6 will also have to include in his tender the sum of \$100.00 towards the cost of constructing a wall to prevent damage to K.L.S 1292 & 1223.

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EXTRA.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1919.

POLICE VICTORY BALL.

LAST NIGHT'S FUNCTION.

The members of the Hongkong Police Force held their annual ball last night at the City Hall, after a lapse of five years, the last ball taking place in 1913. In one day the men transformed the City Hall into a delightfully gay place, for the annual Sketch Club exhibition precluded the work of decorating the Hall being commenced before yesterday morning.

The City Hall was lavishly bedecked with the Allied flags and fern and palms were also important items in the scheme of decoration.

It was a joy night for our custodians of peace, and their abandonment to pleasure was infectious. Nearly three hundred invitations were issued, and most were accepted. The official guests invited were 45, these including the heads of departments. Among those who were present last night were Sir William and Lady Rees Davies, Capt. McGrath (H. E.'s Aide-de-camp representing His Excellency), Major-General Ventris, Commodore Gurner, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, G.S.P. Hon. Mr. Mc. I. Messer, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Commander Beckwith, Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, D.S.P., C.I.E. Captain Basil Taylor, Mr. R. O. Hutchison, Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, J.W. Franks, Mr. C. Perdue, A.S.P. Mr. S. B. C. Ross, Mr. W. J. Titcher, and others.

Dancing was held in the St. George's Hall and supper was served in St. Andrew's Hall. Tables were also laid aside in the Chamber of Commerce room for card parties.

In the sitting room was a large mirror with the following inscription under the signature of the artist, Thomas Jaynes Wilson, one of the members of the Police Force: "Victory Decked Our Arms. Allies Illustrious. Remember the Men who are Crumbling To Dust for Us."—a grim reminder of those who laid down their lives in the war.

The guests had a royal time and each dance was gone through with guests there being no less than twenty-four dances on the card. The music was supplied by the Hongkong Hotel orchestra, and the Hotel catered for the supper. Dancing continued until the early hours of the morning. The following was the dance programme:

1. Waltz... Blue Rose
2. Valeta... Valeta
3. One-Step... Qui Qui Marie
4. Boston Two Step... Johnny in Town
5. Fox-Trot... Mary
6. Maxina... Maxina
7. Grand March... Lancers Casino
8. One-Step... Hongkong
9. La Rinka... La Rinka
10. Fox-Trot... Have a Smile
11. Quadrilles... Trumpeter
12. Waltz... Missouri
13. Waltz... Till we meet again
14. Maxina... Maxina
15. Lancers... Amelia
16. La Rinka... Lainka
17. One-Step... I'm going back to California
18. Latchford... Schottische... Butterflies
19. Fox-Trot... Can you imagine
20. Valeta... Valeta
21. Quadrilles... Destiny
22. Destiny Waltz... Destiny
23. One-Step... Goodbye France
24. Waltz... Blowing Bubbles

A special word of praise must be accorded to Sergeant Henderson, the Secretary, who worked indefatigably to make the ball the success it was. The list of officials were as follows:—

Masters of Ceremonies—Messrs. A. R. Clark, A. Nicoll, Dyer, A. J. C. Taylor.

Committee: Messrs. Grant (Chairman), Field, Andrews, Russell, J. J. Watt, J. Clarke, Alexander, Rosbrooke.

Bar Stewards.—Messrs. Angus, A. Reid, McFall, Riach.

Card-room Stewards.—Messrs. Gerrard, Grimmett, Henderson.

Hon. Secretary.

Decorators.—Messrs. Gordon and Brown.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S PROGRAMME.

The matches arranged for Saturday next are of a very interesting nature and should provide exciting games in each instance. The Club will have very tough opponents in the R.A., the latter team also still being in the running for the League Championship and a win on Saturday for the R.A. would put them in a strong position. The Club, however, have a strong chance, as two wins out of the remaining three matches would give them the League. It is quite probable, however, with the Clubs levelling up as they are doing, that all the remaining matches will be of a stubborn character.

The return fixture between South China and St. Joseph's, is bound to be a very exciting affair, and some means of controlling the spectators should be considered for this match.

The Police are improving and will probably give the Navy a game. They can hardly expect to win however.

In the Second Division, the Club Reserves should beat Club de Recreo, and the United should be capable of beating the Indian R. C. while Manchester Regt. have a good chance against South China "A", but with Kowloon, Staffs and Navy Res. not playing, the Second Division programme is not so attractive as usual.

The teams, officials etc. for Saturday's matches are as follow:

DIVISION I.

Club v. R. A.—Military Ground, kick-off 4 p.m., referee Mr. Burkensaw.

Navy v. Police.—Club Ground, kick-off 4 p.m., referee Q. M. S. Smythe.

St. Joseph's v. South China.—kick-off 4 p.m., referee Mr. Townsend.

DIVISION II.

South China v. Manchester.—Club Ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m., referee Mr. Coaker.

United F. C. v. Indian R. C.—Military Ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m., referee Mr. Skinner.

Club Res. v. Club de Recreo.—Navy Ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m., referee Mr. Thornton.

H. K. F. C. and R. G. A. meet on Saturday, on the Military Ground, kick-off at 4 p.m. The Club team will be—G. S. Rodger, F. Black, J. MacCubbin, M. L. Railton, J. Stewart, J. W. R. MacPhail, J. B. Hamilton, H. M. McTavish, D. Reichelman, J. Rodger, and J. Stalker.

The following team will represent the Hongkong F. C. 2nd Eleven in a Second Division match versus Club de Recreo at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday on the Navy ground:—MacKenzie, W. Gerrard and Young; Chassels, Ireland and Pilger; May, Zeverijn, Weyman, Boysen and Meffer.

The following will represent L.R.C. in their League match against the United, on the Military Ground, on Saturday, kick-off at 2.30 p.m.—A. O. Madar, M. S. Hartem (Captain), B. A. Hyder, R. A. Razack, N. Rumjahn, A. Sallah, A. G. Markar, O. Rumjahn, A. L. Andree, S. Rumjahn, and A. N. Other.

CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL.

A very attractive programme of Association Football has been arranged for Saturday, the 27th December. The League Matches have been cancelled on that date and two very interesting matches will take place, the proceeds being devoted to the Fund for De-vastated France. The first match is Civilian v. Services. Selected teams from the 2nd Division League will face a team drawn from the Services and with so many new men of the Fleet and Army in the Colony, and in view of the fine form being displayed by the Junior Club of the Colony, this match will be of more than ordinary attractiveness. The selection of these teams will be made after the players have been selected for the second match, which is in the form of a

SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

The match St. Joseph's v. Anglo-Indians, booked for Queen's College ground on Wednesday, was postponed owing to a misunderstanding regarding the time. Diocesan and Ying Wa played a very good game, with Diocesan much superior in the first half, but fine defence by Ying Wa backs and goalie kept the Diocesan from scoring. Ying Wa greatly improved in the second half, when Diocesan fell away and the game was practically over when from an accurate corner Ying Wa scored in the last minute, winning by one goal to nil.

There are only one or two matches more to be played in the Junior League and by far the most important one will be the meeting of Queen's College Juniors and Wanchai, who by a strange coincidence, have won all their matches against the other Clubs in the League and have to play each other in the last match, one match only being played in this League. Each team has a remarkable record with 5 wins in 5 matches and neither side has had a goal scored against it. They will meet to fight out the Championship on January 14th, on the Club ground, and on the same date St. Joseph's College, who are virtually champions of the Senior League, will play a Rest of League side drawn from Queen's, St. Stephen's and Diocesan. His Excellency the Governor, who is a Patron of the Schools League, has signified his intention to be present and will award the prizes, trophies etc. won during the year. Given fine weather, it should be a great day for the Juniors.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T	5/11 1/2
Demand	5/12 1/2
30 d/s	5/17 1/2
60 d/s	5/2
4 m/s	5/21 1/2
I/T Shanghai	Nom.
I/T Singapore	218 1/2
T/T Japan	195
T/T India	218
Demand, India	218
T/T San Francisco	96
& New York	
T/T Java	249
T/T Manila	Nom.
T/T France	10.00
Demand, Paris	

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	5/31 1/2
4 m/s. D/P	5/33 1/2
6 m/s. L/C	5/41 1/2
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	5/41 1/2
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	97 3/4
4 m/s. Marks	10.40
4 m/s. France	10.40
6 m/s. France	10.52
Demand, Germany	96 1/2
Demand, New York	218
T/T Bombay	218
Demand, Bombay	218
T/T Calcutta	201
Demand, Calcutta	201
Demand, Manila	218 1/2
Demand, Singapore	218 1/2
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	Nom.
Sovereign	3.85 Nom.
Gold leaf per Tael	32
Bar Silver, per oz	78
forward	76 3/4

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local international drawn from Scottish and English players in the Colony and a pleasing feature is the probable selection of 2nd Division players for the international match who have been showing good form. The arrangements for the day's sport are in the hands of the H.K.F.A. officials and both matches will be played on the Club Ground.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BRITAIN'S AIR FORCE.

London, Dec. 11.
General Trenchard has outlined a scheme for a permanent organisation for the Air Force which is described by Mr. Churchill as approved by the Cabinet. The scheme is based on an annual expenditure of fifteen millions sterling. In future the Service will chiefly consist of an independent force but with a small part trained for the Navy and the Army. Other foundations will be laid for the creation of a highly trained force. Service squadrons will be reduced to the minimum considered essential for overseas garrisons, with a very small reserve for the United Kingdom. Some great war squadrons will, however, be presented. It is proposed to provide eight squadrons for India and three for Mesopotamia, and it is hoped that aerial units in future can be used to partly substitute military garrisons. Egypt is described as the Clapham Junction of the air between the East Naval bases and important coaling stations overseas which will need aircraft as part of the garrisons. Therefore a seaplane unit is being established at Malta and another probably at Alexandria. For co-operating with the Army it is proposed to establish one flight per division for work at all stages, training also one or more squadrons for co-operation with the artillery, while the Home Fleet will have three aeroplane and two seaplane squadrons. Airships are considered to be still in the experimental stage. Therefore only one station is being retained with one rigid and two non-rigid craft. It is intended to have a Territorial Air Force because the scheme will concentrate upon the training of a personnel. General Trenchard hopes that manufacturing firms will assist by forming Territorial units and he opines that doubtless many individuals will be glad to train voluntarily with State assistance, undertaking to serve at home or overseas as required.

LONDON CONFERENCES.

London, Dec. 13.
Reuter learns that the last session of the London Conference at Downing Street concluded in the evening. In addition to the British, and French statesmen there were also present the Japanese, American and Italian Ambassadors. The Conference having concluded M. Clemenceau returns to Paris on the 14th. Shortly after the last session the following official statement was issued from Downing Street:—"On the invitation of the British Government M. Clemenceau arrived in London for a conference on various questions affecting France and Britain. The Prime Ministers took advantage of the presence in London of the Italian Minister Scialoja, in order to exchange views regarding the Adriatic question at which the American Ambassador was present. The Japanese Ambassador participated in the General Conference which discussed the procedure with regard to various international questions still to be settled, particularly peace with Turkey. The Conferences were most cordial and satisfactory arrangements were arrived at on all outstanding points. The three days' meetings served to confirm the complete solidarity of the Allies."

The "Daily Telegraph" understands that one result of the Conferences at Downing Street will be the formation of a council consisting of the Premiers of Britain, France and Italy with the plenipotentiary representative of the United States which will probably meet firstly in Paris at the Christmas recess. Meanwhile the Supreme Council at Paris will continue its functions though its composition may be altered.

AMERICA AND THE LEAGUE.

New York, Dec. 13.
The democrat Senator Hitchcock in a speech pleaded for ratification of the Peace Treaty. On the subject of reservations which he now deemed essential, he said: First, the domestic affairs of the United States should never be subjected to the jurisdiction of the League; second, the Monroe Doctrine should be retained intact; third, in a dispute a nation having self-governing dominions all the latter's votes should be disqualified; fourth, the powers of Congress to declare war should remain unimpaired; fifth, the League should not control the American army and navy; sixth, in the event of wishing to withdraw, the United States should be the sole judge whether she had performed her obligations. The "Times" Washington correspondent, commenting on the above says: The speech is taken to mean that Senator Hitchcock recognises that the President must steel himself to accept the Lodge reservations in principle if the League is to be saved from destruction.

AMERICAN COAL SHORTAGE.

New York, Dec. 13.
The Cunarder Imperator sailed after delay due to the authorities refusing a clearance because she had embarked 5,900 tons of coal in excess of her permit. The British Ministry of Shipping undertook to replace the excess within a month. The restrictions on coal continue though the strike is finished. The public is anxiously awaiting relief.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN CAIRO.

Cairo, Dec. 8.
A number of students who are striking as a protest against the Milner Mission have demonstrated in the streets and tramcars shouting "Down with Milner." The demonstrations hitherto have been harmless.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

PERSIAN OIL.

London, Dec. 13.
The House of Commons has passed the second reading of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Acquisition of Capital Bill whereby an issue of two million and fifty thousand from the consolidated fund is sanctioned for acquisition of share or loan capital of the Company. Replying to debate in which the Company's acquisition of the Scottish shale companies was criticised, Mr. Baldwin, Financial Secretary of the Treasury, said the new money would be devoted principally to additional pipe lines in Persia, the completion of a refinery at Swansea, additional fuel oil bunkering accommodation and tank steamers. The shale industry in Scotland is in a parlous condition and it is most unlikely that private companies could carry on the industry. The Anglo-Persian Company is anxious to secure the unused shale refineries and it was hoped to carry on the industry in Scotland. He did not anticipate trouble with Labour as the Company is prepared to pay Sankey wages.

POST GRADUATE MEDICAL STUDIES.

London, Dec. 13.
A Fellowship of the Medical Body recently formed with a view to promoting friendly relations with the medical profession of allied nations writes to the press urging the Government to enable one or two large general hospitals in London to equip themselves exclusively for post-graduate work. It points out that the post-graduate course instituted soon after the armistice to meet the wish of a large number of medical officers in the Dominion forces has been so successful that it is still maintained. The proposal now is to provide something more permanent.

BOLSHEVIK REVENGE.

Archangel, Dec. 13.
A message from Rostoff states that when the Bolsheviks again occupied Voronizh they massacred whole families, executed all priests, hanged the Archbishop of Tikhon on Tarsky gate and closed the churches. A circular from Tikhon denouncing Bolshevism was recently published in London and evoked a Bolshevik wireless declaring that the circular was issued a year ago and Tikhon had since recanted and recognised the Soviets.

THE LIBERAL PARTY.

London, Dec. 13.
Mr. Asquith speaking at Preston said Mr. Lloyd George had confronted the Liberals with the momentous issue whether the great and historic party would be preserved or absorbed and obliterated by the Coalition. If the progressive forces of the country were left derelict the only alternative was for the Liberal Party to write its epitaph. He and others were determined to rebuild the Liberal Party on sound foundations.

ROME TO TOKYO.

Rome, Dec. 13.
D'Annunzio has expressed the hope that the Fiume question will be solved before Christmas, enabling him to resume his preparations for the Rome to Tokyo flight which he intends to complete by flying from Tokyo to California touching at Hawaii.

TROUBLE IN WEST INDIES.

London, Dec. 13.
The "Daily Express" reports serious outbreaks at Trinidad promoted by American negro labour agitators. The blacks at Port of Spain stormed the government buildings which they held for three days. The cruiser Calcutta was summoned and a landing party restored order.

THE INDIAN FRONTIER.

London, Dec. 13.
Reuter understands that the air bombardment of hostile Indian frontier villages has not had the full effect expected, of compelling surrender. It will probably be necessary to march troops into the heart of the Hahsud country. The operations are expected to last five or six weeks.

AIR MISHAPS.

London, Dec. 13.
The pilot in the Caterham crash of 12th Dec. has died, Poulet is well. On 3rd Dec. at Bangalore, he had tyre bursts when starting off on his return journey.

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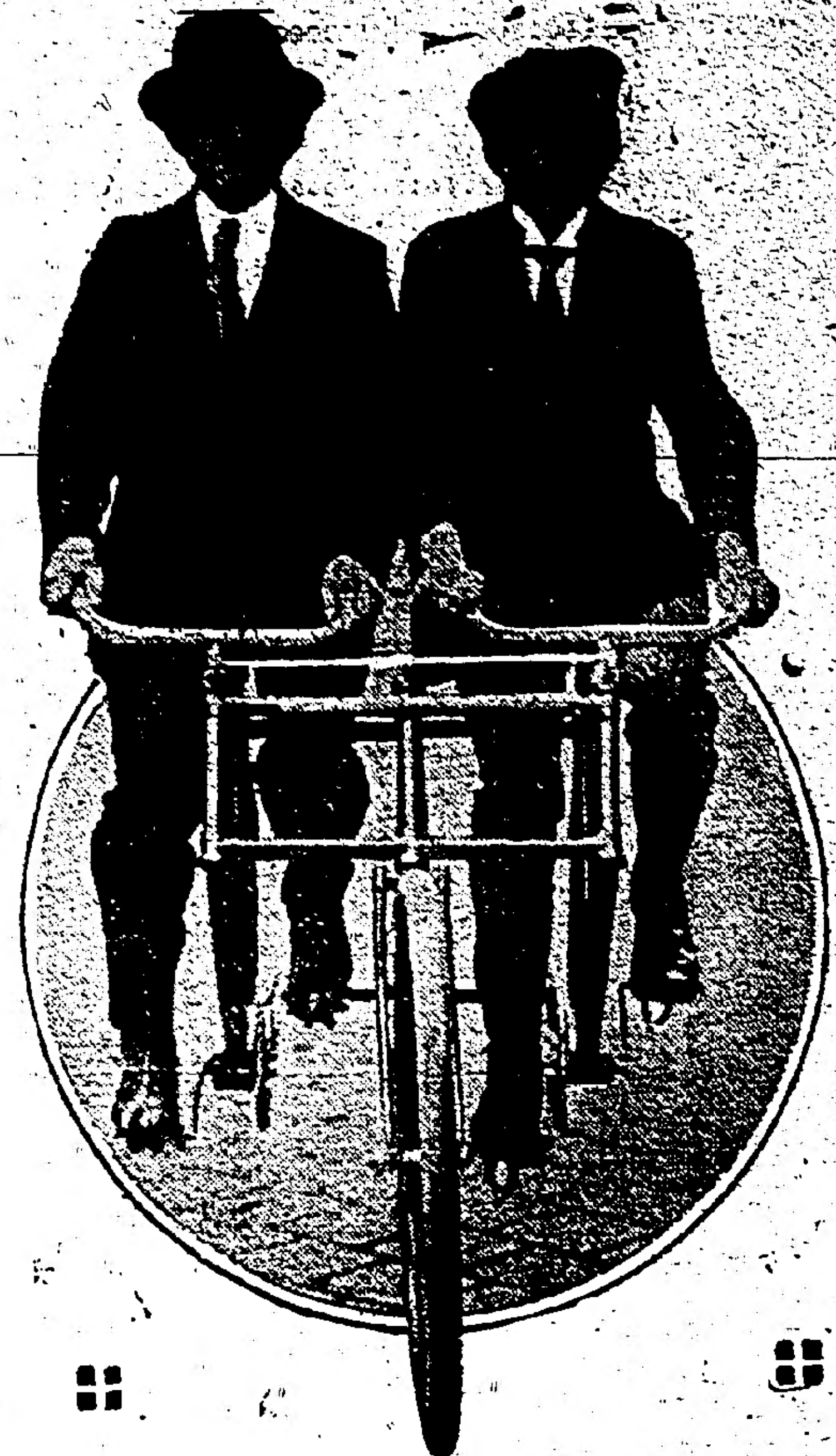
EXCLUSIVE AGENTS.



On the right is Storker Storkersen, the famous explorer, with his chief, Stefansson, who were adrift for eight months on a huge ice float, whilst with the Canadian National Arctic Expedition.



Photo shows Queen Elizabeth of Belgium with members of her party viewing the wonders of the American River from a point along the Blue Canon, California. Inset: Albert, King of the Belgians, in the locomotive cab of his special train which he alternately stoked and drove over a stretch of Ohio country.



This new type of tandem cycle is the invention of a German. There is an adjustment for equalizing the weight of the cyclists.



Above is seen Colonel E. M. House, member of the American Peace Mission and intimate friend and adviser of President Wilson, arriving home in greatly weakened condition on account of recent illness, his physician assisting him down the steep gangway to the pier.



Russians fighting way to fence to receive food from British sailors at Archangel.



LADY CRANMORE-BROWNE

A recent photograph of Lady Cranmore-Browne, wife of Lord Geoffrey Cranmore, Representative Peer for Ireland. She visited America along with other British nobility with the Prince of Wales.

FUTURE OF EUROPE.

THE TREND OF WORLD INDUSTRY.

It is doubtful whether the full effects of the war on European commerce and industry and the immense changes in the world's trade which will result from it are yet in the least understood. Certain outstanding facts are plain enough—to all except the labour extremists. That all the larger European States and many of the smaller ones are in the desperate position of requiring to import large quantities of foodstuffs without being able to export anything like a corresponding value of their own products is a matter of common knowledge. It is also fairly evident that the high freight rates to distant parts of the world now prevailing, not only act as a handicap to all attempts to regain trade in those regions in competition with other manufacturing countries which are nearer at hand, but also tend towards the growth of manufacturing in countries which, but for the war, would not have been able to develop their own industries for many years to come. These difficulties in the way of restoring export trade are altogether apart from those due to decreased production and increased internal demand which are common to all the war-worn European States. Assuming that these internal difficulties can be overcome, as they must be unless all Europe is

to face a financial crisis which will menace civilization itself in this continent, the external obstacles will still remain. Can they be surmounted or must we look to a complete transformation of European trade and its diversion into entirely different channels to meet the changed conditions brought about by the war?

We are too closely involved in the grave events of our day to be able to see things in their true perspective. Still it is possible to detach oneself to some extent and to attempt to find some elevated point from which a survey of the forces at work can be made. From such an elevation, one outstanding feature comes into view. Just as

the war has led to a wholesale transfer of wealth from Europe to the New World, it seems also very probable that it has shifted the industrial centre of gravity of the earth. In fact the question at the back of some men's minds is whether or not the decline of the European Continent as the leading centre of activity of the White Race has definitely set in. If this goes on, manufacturing will, as time goes on, be carried on more and more in the countries which possess the raw materials, the fuel and the labour in their own territories. A movement of population towards these countries would be the inevitable result. It is possible that this decline is part of a world movement which cannot be indefinitely

withstood. This may or may not be the case. Should it be so there is every reason why all possible efforts should be made to retard it and keep it within proportions which will prevent any catastrophic occurrences. Assuming that the tendency is really at work the problem to be solved is how to keep the process under control.

One of the first things that would appear to be necessary is the stimulation of food production in Europe to its maximum possible extent. This would have the effect of reducing imports from the New World and would do much to restore the normal rates of exchange between European States and those of the American Continent.

One of the first necessities of the case is, therefore, the restoration of settled conditions in Russia, so that the vast wheat-growing areas of that country may again be brought under cultivation. It is doubtful whether much will be gained by attempting to increase the wheat production of countries in which climatic and other conditions are unfavourable. But if wheat were available in Eastern Europe in exchange for manufactured goods, the American exchanges would be greatly improved and there would be a large market for the European manufacturing countries in which they could compete successfully against New World countries owing to advantages of geographical

position. It is true that Germany might be the principal gainer by the revival of Russia. Even so, the United Kingdom, France, and Italy could expect a considerable share of this exchange of commodities with Russia. German competition in other markets might be lessened if that country were finding a large customer in Russia. If Europe, with the Middle East and Northern Africa, could make itself approximately self-supporting in foodstuffs, much would have been done to remedy the present state of affairs. It would still have to sell sufficient manufactured goods in other markets to pay for the essential raw materials required by its manufacturing industries and tropical foodstuffs and

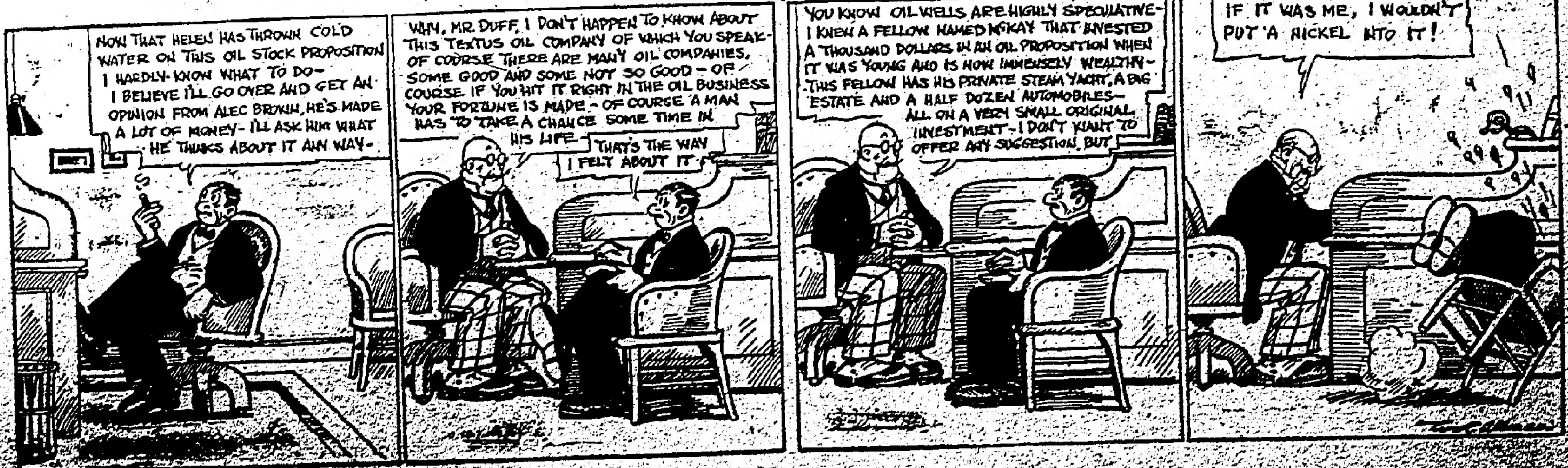
luxuries. It must be remembered in this connection that the European States control vast reservoirs of raw material in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Islands, in which they can for a long time to come secure to themselves a market for sufficient manufactured goods to pay for raw materials produced.

The key to the whole problem would seem to be Russia. Upon the speedy restoration of order in that great country it is possible that the whole future of Europe hangs. Without Russia's vast wheat lands, Europe is like an engine without a fuel supply, or with one too distant to be utilized with profit. A near and cheap supply of food must be secured. —The Times.

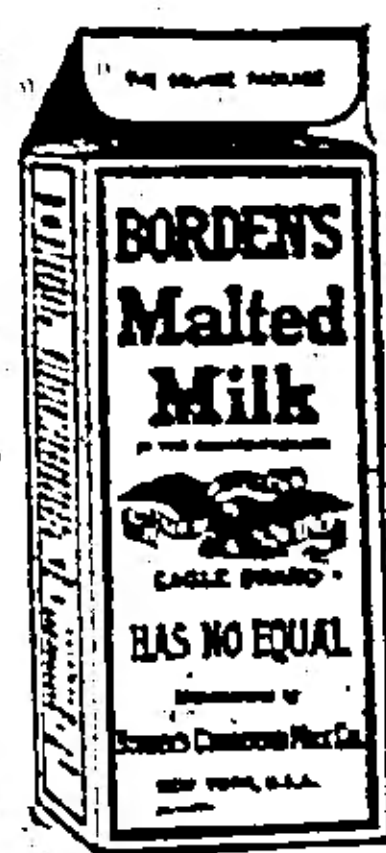
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Godown, and all Goods remaining
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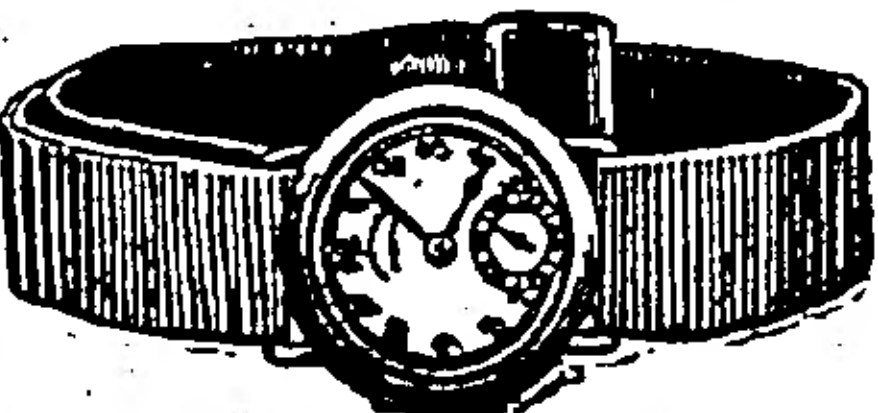
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"HELENUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godowns on and after 18th December.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th December, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 7th January, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Agent.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.

THE Steamship
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having arrived from Vancouver B.C., via ports, on 17th December, 1919, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. and stored at consignee's risk.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the godowns, until Monday Dec. 22nd, 1919, when they will be examined by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 2.15 p.m. December 22nd, 1919.

Claims will not be accepted unless cargo is so examined by said Surveyors, prior to the above date.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognised.

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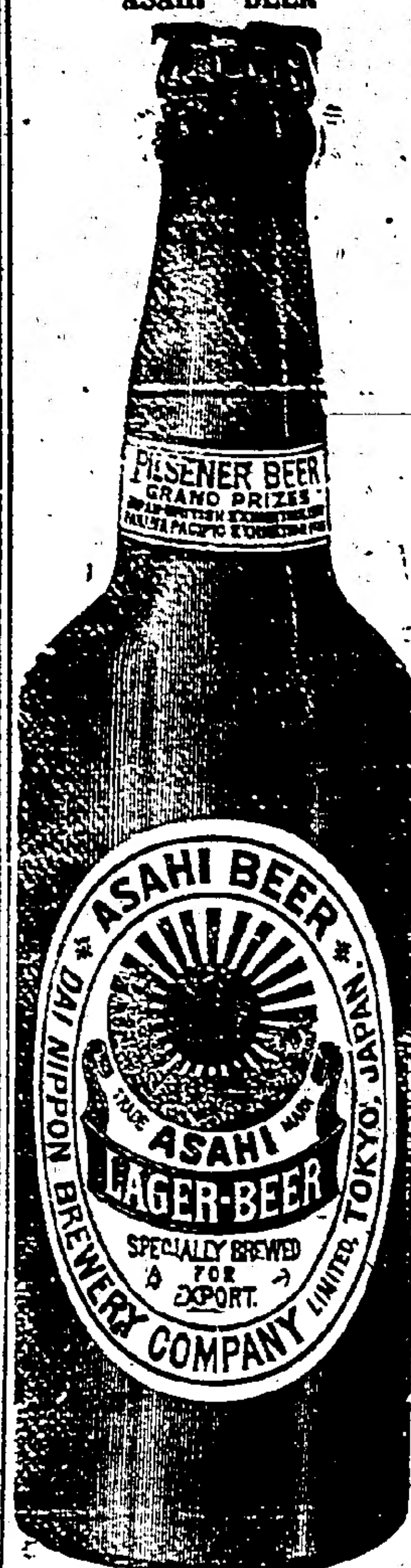
No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignature.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1919.

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TIDE TABLE.

15th to 21st December, 1919.

Date	High Water Longitude Mean Time	Height	Low Water Longitude Mean Time	Height
Mon. 15	h. m. 3 32	5.5	h. m. 9 47	2.5
Tues. 16	3 41	5.5	10 35	2.9
Wed. 17	3 49	6.0	11 19	3.1
Thurs. 18	3 54	6.4	1 23	2.8
Fri. 19	4 0	6.8	2 41	3.3
Sat. 20	4 07	7.1	3 41	3.4
Sun. 21	4 14	7.4	4 36	3.5

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